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# AKRON AND VICINITY

"THE TIP-TOP CITY"

History of her remarkable growth, her importance as a manufacturing and commercial center. A city of well paved streets, beautiful homes, fine churches and hospitable people. Wonderful natural resources. The greatest rubber manufacturing center in the world. The largest clay product producing center in the world. The most extensive cereal manufacturing center in the world. The largest match producing center in the world. A fine sewerage system. A strong financial center. A prosperous, modern and thriving city of 60,000 population, destined to become a city of 100,000 inhabitants in less than ten years.

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# *INTRODUCTION*

In submitting this volume to the people of Akron, the publishers may be pardoned for an expression of the pride they feel in the results of their labors. The typographical excellence of the work speaks for itself. The numerous views were selected as calculated to give the best possible idea of Akron as a city of homes, of schools, of churches, of manufactories and as a commercial center. Their number, elegance and appropriateness surpass anything that was ever attempted in any similar publication. The text sets forth the more salient advantages of the city, though in the brief space that could be allotted for this purpose, it must not be taken for granted that the subject was exhausted. Indeed, it was merely touched upon; but enough is given to point to the superior inducements of Akron as a suitable and profitable location for manufacturing and business enterprises generally, the half that has not been told being of equal interest with anything herein set forth. Mention is made of a large number of the leading and more progressive manufacturing, commercial and professional interests of the city, not as an advertisement in any sense, but for the purpose of showing what has been accomplished by those who have been so fortunate as to have cast their lot in the most pushing and prosperous city in Ohio or the North.

The publishers have in every way endeavored to cause the work to surpass the most sanguine expectations that have been raised with regard to it, and remembering the representations that have been made, viewing the finished work, they feel that they have succeeded in this design, and therefore submit "The Illustrated Industrial Souvenir Magazine of Greater Akron" to the critical public.

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# Greater Akron

AKRON—from a Greek word signifying "high," was so named because from its location, living waters gushing from the earth at this point, separating, and after flowing thousands of miles, replenish the Atlantic ocean at localities more than 2000 miles apart. From the northern outflow of Summit lake, the water finds its way to the Atlantic through the Gulf of St. Lawrence; from the southern outflow, at New Orleans, into the Gulf of Mexico.

Middlebury, now East Akron, was the first settlement, made in 1807. Here were the first of Akron's manufacturing establishments, in the form of mills, a blast furnace, nail factory and the "pot" shops, where was first made the earthen ware that has become known to the whole world, and which has made Akron famous as the home of this great industry.

In 1825, in anticipation of the building of the Ohio canal, the village of Akron was laid out and founded by Gen. Simon Perkins, ancestor of one of Akron's present honored citizens, Geo. T. Perkins.

Three hundred lots were included in the original plat, from which has grown this magnificent city of thousands of lots, every one almost including a happy and prosperous home.

The building of the Ohio canal gave Akron the impetus anticipated in the fullest sense of the thought, and from the start to the present day, there has never been a moment that Akron has not grown and thrived.

Akron's first industry was a blast furnace, smelting into iron the ores found in this vicinity, from which were made plows and various agricultural and household implements.

Because of its then wonderful shipping facilities, Akron at once became a wonderful commercial mart, where were handled the various products from miles of territory hereabouts, and whence they were shipped out into the world.

Akron is located in one of the richest localities on earth. Surrounded by fertile and easily cultivated lands with inexhaustible wealth of coal and salt beneath us, and water-ways to regulate transportation charges, and carry our products to the marts of the world, we, indeed, would be strange if we were not a happy and prosperous people. The city is the center of distribution for the products of its extensive agricultural resources, and the productions of its multitudes of manufacturing industries.

PARK SCENES AROUND AKRON

Its past has been one of brilliant success; its present represents the consummation of a glorious anticipation, and its future is covered with all the promise of the century just begun. Akron is a beautiful, happy, prosperous, metropolitan city, the center of the richest territory in the world, with advantages and conveniences claimed for no other. Akron has many characteristics which cities of treble size might adopt to their own improvement. It is noted far and wide for its pulsing, progressive vigor. Its manufacturers and merchants conduct business with peoples of all nations. No inland city of America is so well known at home and abroad as Akron. Its commercial strength has been attained through the efforts of a steady-going and level-headed people. Air castle builders have had no part in Akron's growth; with a substantial foundation, its successive

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years have been replete with notable achievement, and today it takes its place with pride among those of the country.

The territory of Summit county was erected into a separate governmental division in 1840, and Akron, by a vote, was made the county seat, over Cuyahoga Falls and Summit City. The court house, where business is still carried on, was built in 1840-3, and the first speech in the new building was made by ex-Pres. John Quincy Adams.

Akron's first school building, erected in 1834, a little one-story frame structure, shows in contrast, as compared with our present magnificent institutions, the wonderful growth of this community.

Our first church building came with the school house, in 1834, and was erected by the Congregationalists.

The first boat to navigate the Ohio canal, the "Ohio," was built in Akron and launched in 1827.

Up to 1840, the population of Akron was variously, and possibly incorrectly, stated. The government census of that year authentically fixes it at 2,381.

In 1900, it was 42,728, having increased from 27,601 in 1890, one of the largest percentage increases in the U. S.

Akron's first mayor was Seth Iredell, elected in 1836, receiving 91 votes to 75 for his opponent. He was a Whig, and defeated a Democrat. In the presidential election of 1900, 11,127 votes were cast in the now city of Akron.

Akron's first railroad scheme was for the building of a line from the Hudson river to New York in 1832. Akron's first actual road was what is now the C., A. & C., built in 1852, and its arrival here was celebrated on July 4 of that year.

Akron's first boom occurred in 1835-6—the collapse came with the panic of 1837.

Memorable events in the history of our loved city have been the building of Pennsylvania and Ohio canal in 1840; the coming of gas in 1855; the electric lights, on masts 210 feet high, in 1880; the horse cars in 1883; the electric cars in 1888; the residence of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, in our midst; the tornado of 1890, etc.

In 1843 Horace Greeley said of Akron: "This place, with a population of 2,500 has five woolen mills, an extensive blast furnace, a machine shop, a card manufactory, nine dry goods stores and about as many other stores, two weekly newspapers, four large flouring mills, a court house, four churches and two more being erected. The present water power, including the surplus water of 16 locks on two canals, is adequate to impelling 62 runs of stones. Besides this, there is considerable water power, and manufacturing in the small village of Middlebury, only a mile and a half east, on the canal and destined to form a portion of the city."

Though Greeley could not be president, he could and did prophesy truly regarding "The Big Little City on Earth."

Akron took on its first airs as a city in 1865; James Mathews was its first mayor. In 1872 the corporation of Middlebury, maintained separate from Akron until that time, was annexed, becoming what was known as the old Sixth Ward.

The cereal industry of Akron, on whose fame and products the sun never sets, was originated in 1859 by Ferdinand Schumacher.

Friction matches, another world-famous product, had their origin, also in Akron, in 1838, in a 12x15 blacksmith shop, and the industry was given that dignity in 1845, by George Barber, father of our noted citizen, Ohio C. Barber.

Mowers and reapers had their origin in Akron, too, in 1864, in the Buckeye shops.

Rubber manufactures first received their recognition and impetus in 1870, when the B. F. Goodrich Co. was formed.

Paper manufacturing came in 1872, when the Thos. Phillips & Co. was formed for that purpose.

The manufacture of varnish was commenced in 1878.

The sewer pipe industry engaged in from Akron's earliest days, attracted and secured fame as a great industry from 1847.

The stoneware and pottery business likewise came to be noted and attracted the eyes of the world in 1847.

Thos. A. Edison, the world-famous inventor and electrician, was married to an Akron girl, Miss Mina Miller, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Lewis Miller, in 1886.

The assertion, frequently heard, that the æsthetic element has been lost sight of in much of the American architecture of today, is disproved by a visit to any of Akron's beautiful residence districts. There are numerous homes which could be specified, varying greatly in style and design, and ranging from the huge and massive to the more ornate and artistic.

Many are handsome, modern structures, built in the best manner and of the finest materials. The beautiful grounds adjoining some, with their

CAMPANIA FLATS GARFIELD FLATS AMELIA FLATS

stately shade trees, well-kept lawns and shrubbery, would grace any metropolitan home. In the fashionable central district and in outlying districts are to be found many of the most beautiful residences in Ohio.

Although the presence of these mansions is thoroughly appreciated, the chief pride of the community lies in the pretty and comfortable homes of the upper middle class, said to constitute the backbone and stability of this giant nation.

Not confined to any particular locality or streets, these homes are spread over the entire city, each one breathing a story of happiness and content. It is doubtless in these homes in which men and women will be found, who will be in the front rank of the coming generation. There is another class of homes, where the honest toiler comes home at night and finds compensation for his labor in the happy smile of a contented wife and laughter of the little ones. These homes may be simple but are not lacking in an element of beauty to the student of human nature, who sees in them a factor in the nation's greatness and one that is essential to its very existence.

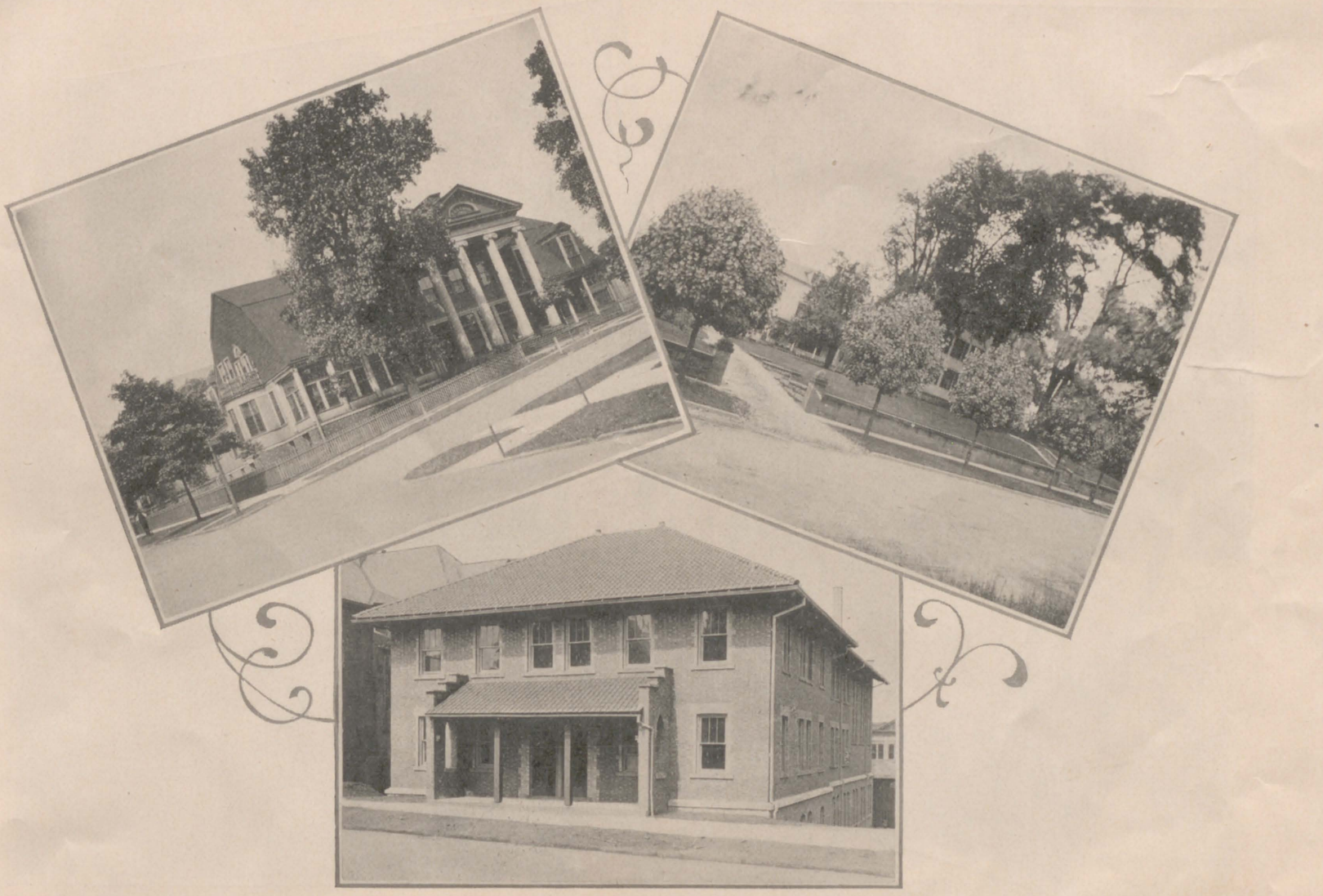
"The City of Homes" is aptly applied to Akron and it is truthfully said that more homes are owned by their occupants than in any city of similar

and there, keeping pace with the growth of the city in all directions. It has been said that no city of a like population in the United States has so many beautiful churches. Akron's church history dates back to the beginning of the history of the city; back to the time when there were no handsome church structures here; back to a time when the religious services were held in the homes of the pioneers.

Following is a list of the churches in the city, numbered in denominations:

Methodist, seven; Lutheran, five; Congregational, five; Disciples of Christ, four; Episcopal, three; Baptist, three; Reformed, three; Roman Catholic, three; Presbyterian, two; Evangelical association, two; United Brethren, one; Universalist, one; Hebrew, two; Seventh Day Adventists, one; Spiritualists, one; Christian and Missionary Alliance, one; First Church of Christ, Scientist, one; Salvation Army, one; Christian Alliance, one; Christian Catholic Church of Zion, one.

Akron's splendid public school system is noted far and near, and the Akron school law has been adopted, not only in a large part of the state, but in many parts of the country. The magnitude and importance of the is always surprised to find so many handsome church edifices located here



MARY DAY NURSERY GRACE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME

size in the country. From its home feature, Akron places another claim to the title of the Tip-Top City.

As Akron is distinctly a manufacturing city, it might be supposed that the building of beautiful homes, with well-kept and beautiful grounds, would be a feature of the city's growth not commensurate with its size and importance, but such is not the case. Some of the homes which grace Akron's streets are really mansions, and would be a credit to cities twice the size of Akron. Akron is peculiarly adapted by nature as a spot for beautiful residences, and well-to-do Akronians have not been slow to utilize the hills about the city as sites for their homes.

Akron has long been known as "A City of Churches." There are no less than 45 temples of worship in this city, representing nearly all denominations.

In the attractiveness of the buildings and their substantial character, as well as in the proportion of the citizenship enrolled as members, is reflected in no uncertain terms, the fact that Akron is a Christian city, a good city in which to live, and that its growth commercially has been marked by a concomitant extension of religious circles.

A stranger who visits this city builded upon the hills and in the valleys

public schools here has greatly increased during the past quarter of a century, keeping pace with the marvelous industrial growth of the city.

About 7,000 children are being instructed in 17 different school buildings within the limits of the city, and under the jurisdiction of a school board elected by the city at large. The public school property of the city is valued at more than a million dollars. Many of the school buildings are among the handsomest in the state. The High school building is a monument of beauty. There are 180 instructors in the schools, and the monthly pay rolls for teachers amounts to more than $12,000.

Manual training and kindergarten departments have been instituted with great success, and a cooking school has been established, while the boys have devoted themselves studiously to books as in former years, they are also learning practical things in the way of mechanical drawing and wood working, and the girls are learning the art of sewing, with prospects of getting something in value in cooking lessons, it being a generally accepted statement that present day girls, while accomplished in music and society graces are lacking in training in the care of the household, much to the regret of the mothers and grandmothers. Although for many years Akron's schools have been noted for advanced methods and have attracted

the attention of visiting educators, it has been within the comparative recent past that the school system has taken a place in progressiveness, generally speaking.

In the High school building as well as in the ward buildings a very valuable amount of property is in the keeping of the board of education. The improvements made within the last decade exceed perhaps those of a score of years preceding. The various ward buildings of the city are located as follows: Bowen school, west side of North Broadway; Crosby school, northwest corner of Smith and West streets; Grace school, corner West Exchange and Maple streets; Perkins school, corner West Exchange and Bowery streets; Howe school, corner Bowery and Bartges streets; Leggett school, north side East Thornton street, between Sumner and Allyn streets; Spicer street, south side Carroll street, between Brown and Spicer streets; Kent school, on South Arlington street, between Exchange street and Case avenue; Henry school, corner North Forge and Arch streets; Bryan school, north side of Charles street, near North Howard street; North Hill school, north side of West Tallmadge avenue; High school, south side of Forge street, between College and Union streets.

second to none. The growth of her industrial interests has been gradual. Akron has never been addicted to the "boom day" epidemic that has ruined so many American municipalities. The business interests have ever been conservative, and there has never been a plunge forward to be followed by a drop backward. It has always been a steady march forward. The city has kept pace with the progress of the nation. She has never tried to outdo all of the world, but has been satisfied to keep pace with the procession, not attempting to run away from it. It has been a continual period of advancement, in which the city has slowly but surely broadened out in every direction.

That Akron is possessed of marked advantages for manufacturers is evidenced very strongly by the fact that it has never been necessary to offer cash inducements to secure new industries to locate here. Other Ohio cities have given free sites and large cash bonuses as inducements for new plants. The concerns that have located in Akron have been backed by their own capital and it was their money which purchased the sites upon which their plants are located. This is perhaps the best illustration that business men realize that Akron is a substantial business community, and

ST. BERNARD'S AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Besides the public schools there are a number of parochial schools and also one or two private schools. The parochial schools are: St. Bernard's Catholic school, corner South Broadway and Center street; St. Mary's Catholic school on South Main street; St. Vincent's Catholic school, on Maple street, near West Market street; German Lutheran, on Quarry street, near High street.

The history of the growth and development of the school system of the city is in keeping with the remarkable growth of the commercial interests of the city.

Every day or two our newspapers announce the location of a new industry in or adjacent to Akron, and the query naturally arises, "What is there in Akron to bring these concerns to the city?"

For many years Akron has had the reputation the country over as a live, bustling industrial center. As a manufacturing center it ranks first among the municipalities of the state. The products of the local concerns are sent to every portion of the civilized world, and the value of the annual outputs of Akron runs into millions of dollars.

There are a number of branches of industry in which Akron leads the world, and in others the city has advanced so rapidly that her plants are that it is to their interests to locate here.

Akron has never depended upon any one line of manufacture. There has been at all times within her history a diversity of interests. When it has been a dull season with the makers of one thing it has been a busy season with others. If the employment could not be found at one place it could be secured at another. This has drawn people here. It has been an inducement to have them locate here. In judging a community the citizens are first considered. The early citizens of Akron were men of energy, gifted with sound business principles. They came west to make their fortunes and settled here determined to build a city that would be a credit to the state. As soon as a few homes were built the necessity of a grist mill became apparent. This proved to be the foundation of what has developed into one of her greatest industries. The mill proved to be a success and in a few years others had erected like establishments. This induced farmers to cultivate cereals exclusively, almost. In a few years Akron became a great grain center, and it was because of this that Ferdinand Schumacher began the making of oatmeal here. He realized that it was a golden opportunity. The grain product became so large that Akron soon offered opportunities to the manufacturers of mowers and reapers.

The result was the building of the Empire and Buckeye mower and reaper plants. Then followed the knife works and a host of other industries all dependent upon one another to a great extent.

Briefly the foregoing gives some ideas of the causes contributing to Akron's successes in a commercial way.

Akron has a great abundance of nature's gifts. East of the city there are immense deposits of clay for the manufacture of pottery ware and sewer pipe. Coal is to be found in abundance all around Akron, and the water supply is excellent. Natural gas is piped to Akron from West Virginia and sold to consumers as cheaply as though the wells were located here. There is an inexhaustible supply of salt under Akron and one of the greatest plants in the country is located just outside of the city.

Buchtel college has for 30 years crowned one of the highest points in the city, and its pretty buildings, substantial architectural gems, may be seen from almost every part of the city. The college is located on Buchtel avenue, east of Sumner street, and it boasts of a "university group" which it is hoped will be increased by other buildings as they are needed to take care of its growth.

At present there are plenty of banks in the city to take care of the business of the city. They handle an immense amount of business in a year's time. A clearing house association was established in 1892. It has been remarkably successful and has proved of immense benefit to banks and public. Previous to its organization the public was not informed of the volume of business transacted by the banks of the city.

One of the secrets of Akron's success is the ease with which the local manufacturers are able to put their goods on the market. This is due to the splendid railway service enjoyed here, a service with which it is possible to reach any part of the country with goods in the shortest possible time and at the least possible expense.

When Akron was a growing village, away back in the '30's and '40's, the residents had no idea that it would thrive and grow until it became the great and prosperous city it really is. They had no idea that the farmlands adjoining the village limits would some day be extremely valuable property, worth perhaps as much per foot as it was then per acre.

The value of real estate in Akron has grown with the city, and the bargaining in this class of property furnishes constant business of great profit to no less than 50 individuals and firms, the latter including building and loan associations.

As the city has expanded in every direction new allotments have been made, streets laid out and property placed upon the market for the mutual benefit of buyer and seller. To the east, west, south and north additions have sprung up almost within a day. Where a few years ago there were empty fields now stand orderly rows of substantial homes built with a view to beauty and permanency. Taken as a whole the residences of Akron for all classes of people average a much higher grade than in almost any other city of its size in the country of this class.

During the past two years vacant lots have been occupied and houses have been built wherever there was room enough, and the owners have realized handsomely. Houses have been in greatest demand, in fact the supply has been wholly inadequate to the demand. The real estate men instead of seeking renters for their houses are seeking houses for renters who stand ready to pay almost any price for desirable locations.

In the older parts of the city where the land has long been occupied the value has risen steadily, as the needed improvements have been made in the locality. Paving, water, light and transportation have come in one by one to enhance the value of property and drive the buyer farther and farther into the suburbs. Akron is one of the best real estate cities in the country and the real estate men have no complaints to offer.

Few cities in the United States of the size of Akron can boast of such retail stores as the Tip Top city possesses. From the large department stores, where everything from a needle to the furnishing for a house can be purchased, to the little stores in the outskirts of the city, where a general line is carried Akron's retail merchants leave nothing to be desired. The large downtown stores have a delivery system which equals that of the largest stores in larger cities, their delivery wagons covering regularly mapped out routes all over the city. Every little store has its delivery system as well, and the busy housewife need not be bothered with bundles when returning from her shopping tour. A pardonable business rivalry causes Akron merchants to carry stocks of the best goods obtainable, and results in tasteful window displays and other forms of advertising. Up-to-date grocers make it possible for epicures to obtain strawberries and other fruits and vegetables as early as New Yorkers can get them.

A glance at the stores cannot help but impress strangers with the fact that in respect to meeting the demands of home trade, Akron retail merchants are strictly up-to-date. Although Cleveland is but 30 miles away it draws but little retail trade away from Akron. Local merchants have prided themselves for years on their varied and extensive lines, and

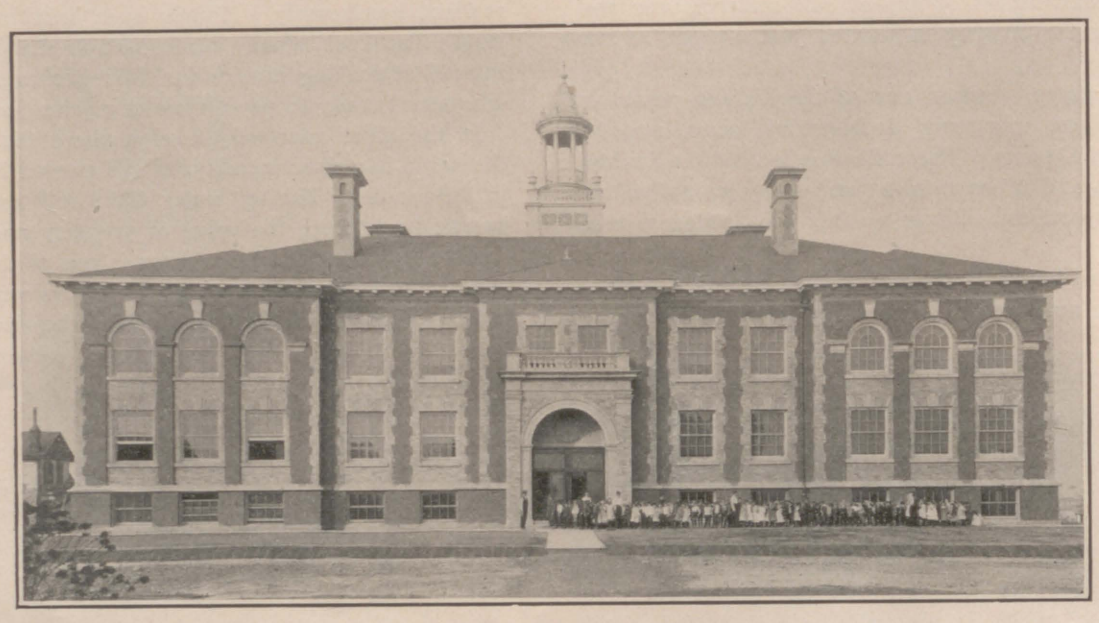
READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—SPICER SCHOOL, FRAUNFELTER SCHOOL, KENT SCHOOL AND CROSBY SCHOOL

Cleveland merchants can offer nothing better, and certainly nothing cheaper. Many of Akron's largest stores compare favorably with the largest establishments of more boastful cities. They have grown with the city, and as Akron is noted for progressiveness, so are her stores. The wants of every one can be supplied here at home. This is an encouraging sign for inland cities which have larger cities in the neighborhood to attract their trade. The remarkable development of the traction lines in the past few years has been a telling factor in the growth and development of the retail trade in this city. The territory attributary to Akron is peopled with as prosperous residents as any in the United States. Since the traction lines have made it convenient, country people, and the residents of small towns have flocked to Akron to do their trading, realizing the advantages of its stores.

Akron has one of the best equipped and strongest fire departments in the state. Men, horses and apparatus cannot be excelled anywhere on earth. This assertion is no idle boast. The story of the fire department dates back to the days of the bucket brigade, and volumes might be written relative to the old-time firemen. Akron being a manufacturing city the matter of providing for fire protection commenced to be considered at an early date. The first engine house, a very small frame structure was built in 1841. Now there are seven substantial, modern fire stations located in different parts of the city.

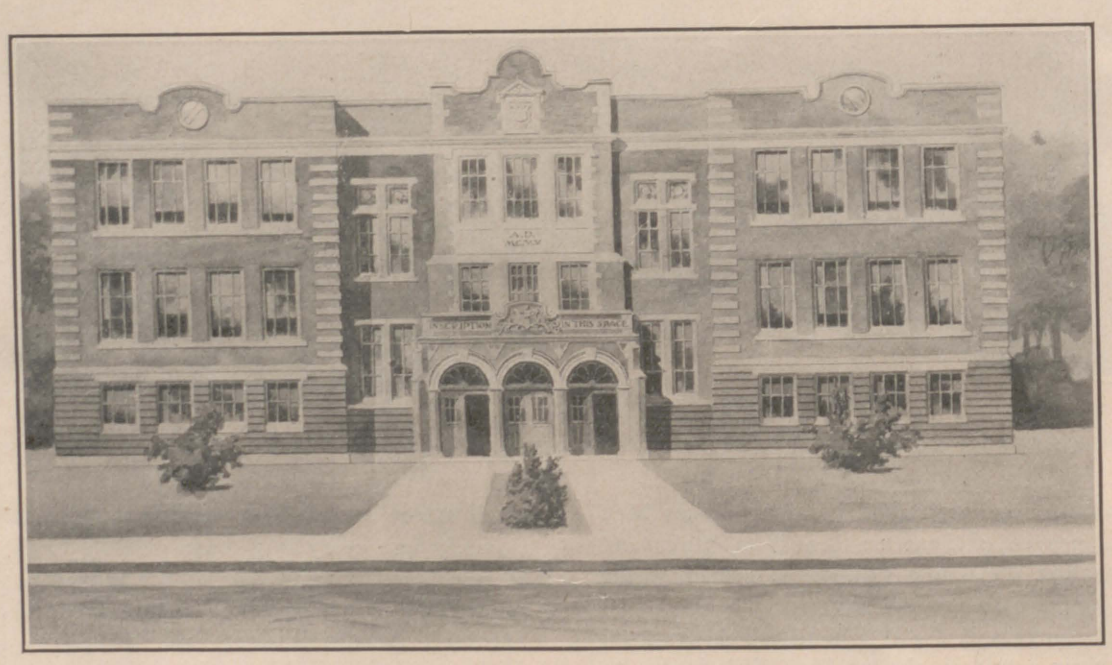
Akron has but one hospital, but it is foremost among the splendid institutions of the city, and is widely known for the splendid manner in which it is managed and the high class and skill of the medical staff in attendance. Even with these absolutely necessary requirements to the success of modern hospitals they would fall short of accomplishing effective work were it not for the skilled nursing forces. There is nothing so conductive to the well-being and progress of the sick as the unwearying attention and kindly care of the gentle, sympathetic and skillful nurse, and in this respect Akron's hospital is singularly blessed, as many a grateful patient is prepared to testify.

Rich and poor alike avail themselves of Akron's hospital privileges, confident of receiving judicious, careful and skillful treatment and nursing; and further confident that the best appliances and devices known to the medical and surgical world are to be found in this well-managed and well-kept home for the sick and injured. The hospital is located on East Market street, and although essentially a city institution, is controlled by a private association which was organized in 1892, of which O. C. Barber is at the head.



MILLER SCHOOL

An active benevolent association of the city is the Union Charity association, which was incorporated in 1899. The aim of the association is to see that all deserving cases of destitution are properly relieved, and to make employment the basis of relief; also to promote the moral, educational and industrial interests of all those who may come under its care, and by a system of visitation and investigation to prevent wasteful and indiscriminate alms-giving. Another benevolent society is the Mary Day Nursery, with a large and nicely furnished home of its own on East Buchtel avenue.



NEW SCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON NORTH HILL
Bunts & Bliss, Architects

A charitable institution in which the city takes much pride is the Children's Home located on South Arlington street, purchased, fitted up and occupied in 1880. It is the old Jewett homestead, consisting of substantial and commodious buildings, well fitted up and admirably kept by Matron Rosa E. Grubb. The property consists of seven acres of land, and at present there are 49 boys and 16 girls in the institution.

Akron has a wealth of beautiful streets, picturesque drives and splendid

parks, and during the past few years a boulevard between this city and Barberton has been in process of construction. Akron is a well paved city and the residence streets are lined with beautiful homes. The streets are paved with brick and block and sheet asphalt, and many of them are shaded by beautiful trees.

There are nine parks in the city, consisting of over 100 acres. These are located in different parts of the city, and they are always well kept. The different parks are Grace, Union, Neptune, Oasis, Pleasant, Perkins Square and Perkins park.

All about the city are some of the most picturesque and pleasant drives to be found in the state. The natural scenery is unsurpassed in this section of the state.

Akron has several splendid burying grounds, but none so beautiful as

ENGINE HOUSE NO. 2.

COPLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Glendale cemetery, which consists of about 60 acres beautifully laid out into romantic drives and walks, with nicely graded lots of diversified shapes and sizes, the whole centrally bisected by Willow brook, with its cascades, falls and bridges. Tastefully arranged shrubbery ornaments nearly every portion of the grounds, while upon private lots are attractive monuments, tombs and tablets erected to the memory of departed ones.

ENGINE HOUSE, NO. 1

Approaching the grounds from the city through Glendale avenue, following the course of Willow brook with high bluffs and overhanging trees on either side, with Superintendent Baldwin's handsome stone lodge upon the right, the high stone bell tower on the left, and a splendid memorial chapel in honor of Akron's deceased soldiers in front, nothing could be more sub-

limely beautiful than this magnificent city of the dead, with fresh surprises at almost every turn while walking or driving through it.

It has taken years of hard work to bring Akron's street car service up to the present point of excellence, but wonders have been accomplished in the past few years, modern methods accomplishing what had long been deemed impossible. The suburban railways entering Akron have been able to successfully cope with the steam roads in carrying both passengers and freight, and to them is due in a large degree much of the credit for Akron's up-to-date methods in the business line.

Of the future of Akron who can predict? We can but point to the facts, that nature, art and man have accomplished. In many things she is favored beyond compare, and there is every reason to believe that her own people have faith in her. The most remarkable century in the history of the world has made room for another of unlimited possibilities and promise. The country in which we live is the most favored on earth. From a weak and struggling republic has become the mightiest and most wonderful on the earth, with all human probabilities pointing to more marvelous growth in the days of this century.

To those of us who have faith in Akron, and we are in the majority,

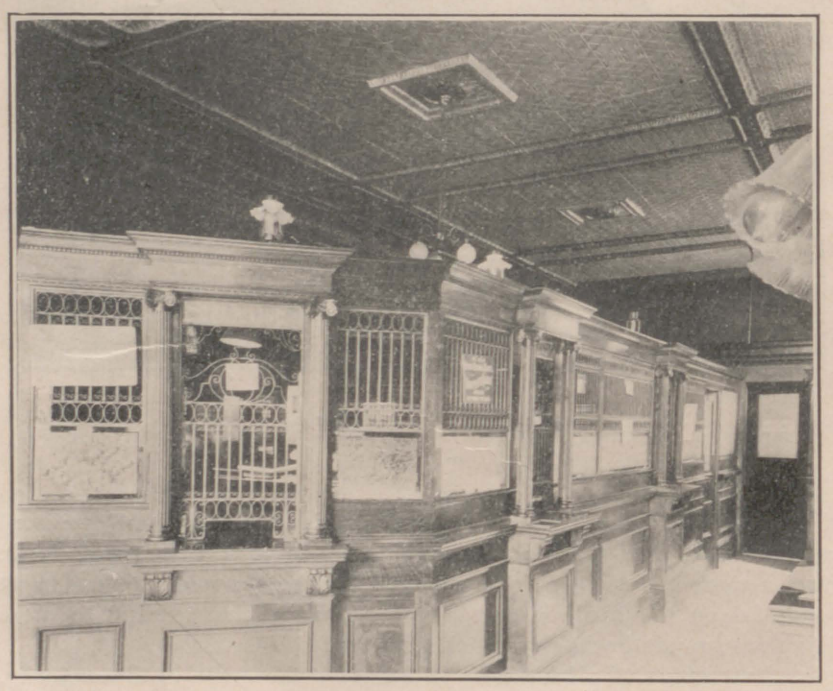
ENGINE HOUSE NO. 5

the nation's progress is typical of what we may expect in this city. In contrasting Akron with other cities it is found that they have no single advantage that is not found here, and while many of the things they have not are in Akron's possession. He is indeed a pessimist who does not believe that within a few years Akron is to take a place among those great and mighty homes of the American people that have made the United States the mighty nation of the times.

# Representative Business Interests

THE DIME SAVINGS BANK.

The Dime Savings Bank is one of the newer financial institutions of Akron which has demonstrated that it is founded on correct principles and that its business is conducted along sound lines. With its capital of $50,000, with its surplus and undivided profits amounting to $4,000, its deposits of over $200,000, its mortgage loans of over $150,000, its regular loans of over $75,000, with total assets at the last quarterly statement of $252,874.50, the Dime Savings Bank can point with pride to its record for the four years that it has been in existence. The steady growth of its



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business is gratifying, each quarter showing a handsome gain over its predecessor. Interest is paid on time deposits, and a general banking business is done. The specialty of the institution is mortgage loans, which are made on good unincumbered real estate at low rates. Deposits are accepted in sums from one dime up, and every inducement is given to stimulate the habit of saving, especially in the young. hundreds of whom have accounts, some of them remarkably strong ones in the Dime Savings Bank. Mr. Wm. H. Evans, the secretary and treasurer of the bank, has been connected with the banking, loan and building association business for more than twenty years. He and all of the institutions with which he is connected enjoy the full confidence of the community. The other officers of the bank are well known business men and capitalists. The banking house is one of the handsomest in Northern Ohio, and the interior arrangement is admirable, both for the accomodation of customers and the convenience of the working force. Young as the bank is, it pays regularly six per cent per annum to its stockholders, besides adding constantly to the surplus and undivided profits. This is a record not often equalled by a young institution, and is one in which the directors and officers of the Dime Savings Bank may justly take pride.

THE WM. H. EVANS BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The habit of saving is the only road to wealth that is open to most people. Sudden fortunes are made in one way or another by one man in a million, but every one of the other 999,999 who has anything ahead has it through spending less than he makes. If he spends much less he is soon rich; if he spends only a little less, still, time and the habit will insure him a competency in the end. The only successful saving is systematic saving by having a certain, definite object to which the savings can be applied. There are few ways of doing this and only one best way, which is through the building and loan association. Here the small investor is on an equal footing with the large one, the returns are certain and they are much greater than any other form of investment which is equally sound. This has been shown over and over again by the Wm. H. Evans Building and Loan Association, which was founded in 1891, and which has had fourteen years of success. It has placed many men on the high road to wealth, has provided homes for many others, and has done good in many other ways, and all through the habit of saving, which it has given to so many people. It is organized under the laws of the state of Ohio, is audited every six months and is under the control of the state inspector. The total assets of the association are about $150,000, having been more than $145,000 at the time of the last half-yearly statement. It has almost $130,000 in first mortgage loans, the best security in the world and has a surplus of over $8,500. There is no safe investment which pays so well as stock in the Wm. H. Evans Building and Loan Association, which, at maturity represents the highest rate of interest and the dividends from a profitable business besides. In the deposit department 5 per cent per annum is paid as interest. Think about your duty to yourself to save something for the emergencies of life, and investigate the best method of doing so. This will lead you certainly to an investment in the Wm. H. Evans Building and Loan association.

WM. H. EVANS & SON.

The Insurance, Real Estate and Loan Agency of Wm. H. Evans & Son is the oldest and one of the largest of its kind in Akron. It was established thirty years ago and has had an uninterrupted career of success through its honorable methods. During all of this time the agency has enjoyed the perfect confidence of the business community and today there is no agency of higher standing in the community. The insurance department carries many of the largest risks in Akron and Summit county, and represents the Germania, Columbia, German, Glens Falls, Girard and New Hampshire insurance companies, for fire risks. It insures against tornadoes, cyclones and storms in the Glens Falls and Germania; furnishes bonds of all kinds through the American surety company; steam boiler insurance through the Hartford, and plate glass insurance through the New Jersey Plate Glass Insurance company. A specialty is made of mortgage loans, and the business in this department is the largest in the city. Money is furnished in any amount on safe property, and loans are promptly made at reasonable rates and on easy terms. Abstracts are pro-

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vided on all property in Summit county and fidelity and surety bonds are written. The offices of the firm have recently been removed to the Masonic Building, at the northeast corner of Mill and Howard streets, reached by the People's 'phone, No. 1080, or Bell 'phone, No. 850. The firm is composed of Mr. Wm. H. Evans, Sr., and Wm. H. Evans, Jr., both of whom are men of the highest business standing.

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## AKRON BELTING COMPANY.

The Akron Belting Company was established in 1885 for the manufacture of leather belting. There was then as there is today a demand for the best belts that could be made out of leather—best material for all uses of which belts can be made. It was realized that the best belts could be made only of the best material, worked by the best methods and by the best workmen. All of these things were put together and the result was the "Akron" brand of belting, which is recognized everywhere, not as good as the best, but the best. The "Akron" belt is a short-lap belt, made from centers of the best native packer steer hides, no cut being more than fifty-four inches and weighing from 16½ to 19 ounces per square foot, according to width and purpose for which the belt is to be used, and every belt is guaranteed uniform throughout. A full line of the "Akron" belt, both single and double, is carried in stock, and orders can always be filled on the day that they are received. Another brand is the "Norka," which begins in weight and quality where the "Akron" leaves off, and is as good a belt as the best made by many other establishments and better than the best made by many others. It is made from the same hides as the "Akron," and weighs from fifteen to sixteen ounces to the square foot single. It is a good belt, but it cannot take the place of the "Akron" on wood-working and other high speed, heavy draft machinery. The "Light Double," "Peerless" and "Agricultural" belts have all of the fine qualities that the lighter belts can have, all of them being made from the same hides from which the "Akron" is taken. There are no better belts for their purposes. The plant of the Akron Belting Company is strictly up to date. The buildings, which cover a large area, are substantial, and the equipment is modern in every part. The methods of manufacture are unique and account in part for the superiority of the "Akron" belts. The goods are sold and shipped all over the United States, and also to Egypt, Canada and Mexico, and the trade is especially strong in the South, where the best belts are required for the numerous and large cotton-seed oil mills, cotton mills and wood-working plants. The prices of "Akron" belting are not as low as some other brands, but are as low as they can be, quality considered. Their factory is run by water power, their expenses of every kind except for labor are low, they have had long experience, they have the best and most economical machinery, and it stands to reason that a cheaper belt in price is bound to be cheaper in quality. Buy the "Akron" when you want the best belt and you will find it the cheapest in the long run. The company also handle the "Acme" and "Ideal" seamless rubber belting, solid white cotton belting, all kinds of rubber and cotton hose, nozzles, and sundries. The officers of the company comprise the following personnel—viz.: A. B. Rinehart, President; Sumner Nash, Vice-President; George Wince, Secretary and Treasurer; Webster Thorp, Superintendent.

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## THE WEST HILL LAND COMPANY.

The West Hill Land company has placed upon the market the beautiful plat known as the "Portage Park Allotment." This suburb was selected by the company as being the best possible location for residence property, and the wisdom of the choice is being daily demonstrated. It is located upon the most westerly hill of the city, and in that lies one of its advantages, as it is and always will be free from the smoke of the manufacturing establishments of the city, which is carried away to the north and east by the prevailing winds. The lots are high, dry and beautiful, West Hill being above the level of the surrounding country and furnishing a fine panoramic view of the whole of Summit county, with the exception of a small portion of one township. Street railway service is maintained to the allotment, and no lot is over 400 feet from the street car line, thus affording rapid communication with the city. The lots are beautifully laid out, and are sold under restrictions which furnish a guaranty that Portage Park will always be a desirable place to live. The lots are large and deep, and a condition of their sale is that two houses can never be built on one lot, thus guarding against that overcrowding which is characteristic of the city, to the disadvantage of all property by begetting unsanitary conditions and the prevention of the free circulation of the pure air, which is one of the great attractions of West Hill. Another stipulation in the sale of every lot is that no saloon can ever be established at Portage Park. This is not a temporary restriction, but is to be permanent, thus insuring a high moral tone for all time to come. A "building line" has been established, and the beauty of the allotment can never be marred by the "shoving out" of buildings toward the street line. No business houses may be erected at Portage Park, and no fences can be erected that will obstruct the view or interfere with the enjoyment of every feature of life in this most desirable sub-division. The owners of the property have expended more than $60,000 to make it what it should be before offering it to sale. They have done all that they know to do, but are ready to do more. City water, city sewerage, city lights, cement sidewalks, shade trees, paved streets, and in fact every convenience of the city, without a single drawback of city life, is provided at Portage Park. The price fixed for the lots is exceptionally low. The fortunate thing for early buyers, and the unfortunate thing for those who delay is that they will soon be much higher, as their value will increase with great rapidity from a very early date. The representatives of the West Hill Land company will be pleased to show the lots to every interested person and a telephone or personal call at 236 Hamilton Building, will secure the needed attention.

It should be remembered that Portage Park is on the summit of West Hill, is 1,130 feet above sea level and over 500 feet above Lake Erie, which is only thirty-five miles away, and may be seen on a clear day. The entire tract covers 55 acres, which includes two city parks of over five acres. Nowhere in the state can more beautiful or attractive building lots be found. The early purchaser will secure the benefit of a wise investment. The lots are now priced at $375 and upwards, but they will be $500 for the lowest and will sell rapidly at that price at an early date.

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## THE AKRON EXTRACT AND CHEMICAL COMPANY.

The Akron Extract and Chemical Company is one of the newer enterprises of Akron, and it is one of the most successful. The plant was planned in the beginning for a large business, and it has been increased as the demands of the trade grew in an unexpected manner, until now it is one of the most complete in the country, embracing every appliance known that can be handled to advantage in the preparation of the large line of extracts, perfumes and toilet requisites put out by the company. Their goods are sold direct to the leading druggists, ice cream manufact-

T. W. MILLER
Treasurer and General Manager Faultless Rubber Company

A. B. RINEHART
President of Akron Belting Company

WM. H. EVANS, SR.
Of the Dime Savings Bank

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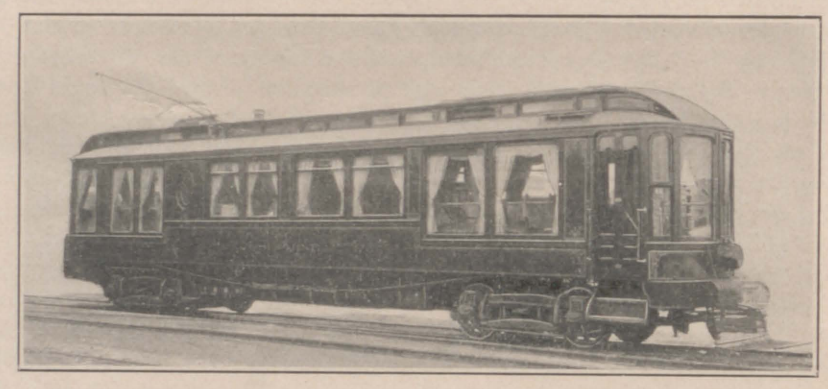
urers, and confectioners and grocers of their territory in packages and in bulk. They are the sole manufacturers of the celebrated Hawn's "Herb-O-Cod," the only emulsion compounded from medicinal herbs and pure cod liver oil and is entirely different from all others—needs no testimonials. They travel five experienced men and cover Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Maryland. Their business is already very extensive and, owing to the superior merit and attractiveness of their goods, is rapidly growing, new territory being added constantly. Mr. J. J. Harter is president of the company, Mr. A. E. Heintselman vice-president, and Mr. John Shaffer secretary and treasurer and general manager. He looks after all of the affairs of the company personally, and is a wide-awake business man. Besides his interest in the Akron Extract and Chemical Company, he is a stockholder in various other enterprises. The company occupy a handsome brick building, twenty-five by eighty feet, four stories high, every foot of which is utilized in the business. The company is incorporated and has abundant capital, no business concern of Akron enjoying a better reputation, not only for the high character of its goods, but for its commercial responsibility. It is a distinct credit to the community in which it is established and in which its members have so deep an interest.



PRIVATE CAR "JOSEPHINE," PROPERTY OF THE N. O. T. & L. CO.

THE NORTHERN OHIO TRACTION & LIGHT COMPANY.

The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Company is a Corporation which was formed in 1899, as a result of the consolidation of The Akron, Bedford & Cleveland Railroad Company and The Akron Traction & Electric Company. These properties are now known as the A. B. C. and Akron Divisions of the System. The A. B. C. Division extends from Akron to the boundary line of the City of Cleveland, a distance of twenty-nine miles, with a branch to Silver Lake, which makes a mile additional, also a second track nine miles in length. The Company operates its cars from the city limits to the Public Square in Cleveland, by virtue of a contract with The Cleveland Electric Railway Company. The Akron Division covers practically the entire City of Akron with about twenty-five miles of track, with a street railway system that is not surpassed in efficiency by that of any city of twice the size in the entire country. The Company also owns and operates the Interurban lines between Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Kent, Ravenna and Barberton, making twenty-eight miles of track, and in all approximately 100 miles of City and Interurban rails. The population served by the Company with its various lines is exceptionally dense and the territory in which it operates is amongst the finest in the world. The population served is as follows:—Akron, 50,000; Cuyahoga Falls, 3,500; Kent, 5,000; Ravenna, 6,000; other Towns and Villages about 3,000, besides an immense rural population, which is furnished every facility for transportation. In addition must be included the City of Cleveland, which is reached over the A. B. C. Line, and the traffic distributed over the city on the lines of the Cleveland Electric Railway Company, thus reaching a population of 450,000 in that City. The Company also has Traffic Agreements with The Canton, Akron Railway Company, by which it handles the cars of the latter Company and reaching an additional population of 100,000. From these things it will be seen that the conditions surrounding the lines of The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Company are ideal and explain the very heavy business that is carried over those lines.

General Manager; C. F. Moore, Secretary; J. R. Nutt, Treasurer.

The Gross Earnings of the Company for the past five years have been as follows:—

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| 1901 | $617,010.79 |
| 1902 | 745,943.72 |
| 1903 | 882,276.17 |
| 1904 | 895,731.00 |

The earnings at the close of the present year will show a handsome increase over those of the preceding year and will reach approximately $950,000.00.

The authorized Capital Stock of the Company is $7,500,000, of which $1,000,000 is still in the Treasury of the Company.

The Officers of the Company are: H. A. Everett, President; Will Christy, First Vice-President; Chas. Currie, Second Vice-President and

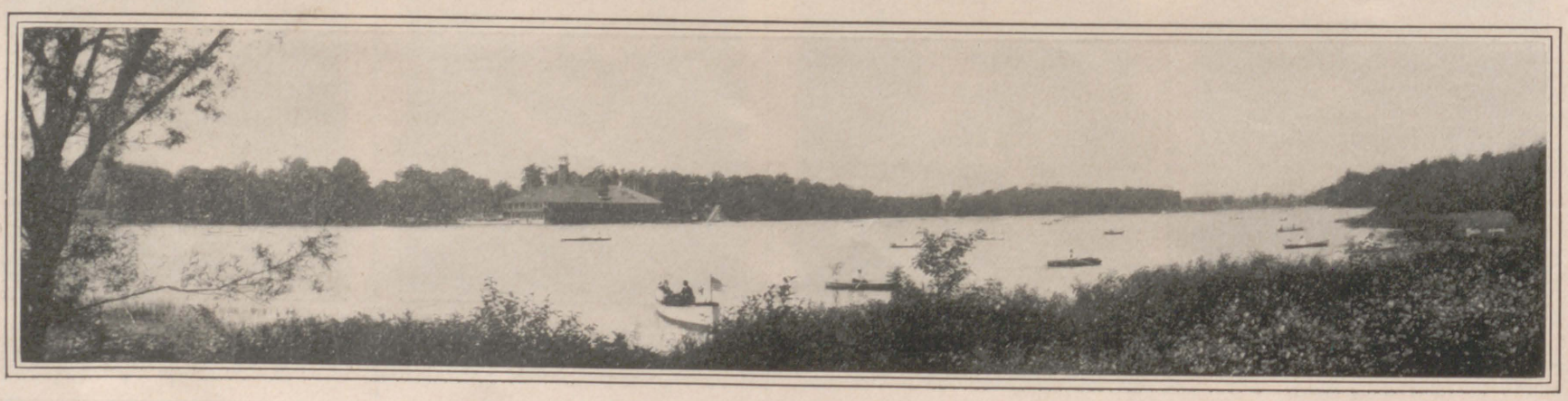
The Directors are: H. A. Everett, E. W. Moore, C. W. Wason, B. Mahler, J. R. Nutt, Will Christy, Chas. Currie.

The Lines of The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Company are noted for the number, beauty and variety of pleasure resorts and places of recreation to be found along them. Silver Lake is a beautiful body of water, noted the country over, and it is visited by thousands of people annually. Every foot of the Cuyahoga River on its lines is a beauty spot, and there are many other attractive points that have only to be named to excite pleasant thoughts in the minds of those who know and love them.

HAMILTON BUILDING

The Company also operates the City Lighting Plant in Akron, furnishing arc lights for the streets of both Akron and Barberton, and also the incandescent lights of both cities, which makes both cities the best lighted places of their size in the country. Every department of the business is operated so as to give the very best possible service to the public at the lowest possible cost, a fact which is realized and appreciated by the people, who in return give the Company a generous patronage.

The Company has recently inaugurated Limited Car Service between Akron and Cleveland, making the trip in one hour and forty minutes from the Waiting Room, Akron, to Public Square, Cleveland, and a saving of twenty minutes.



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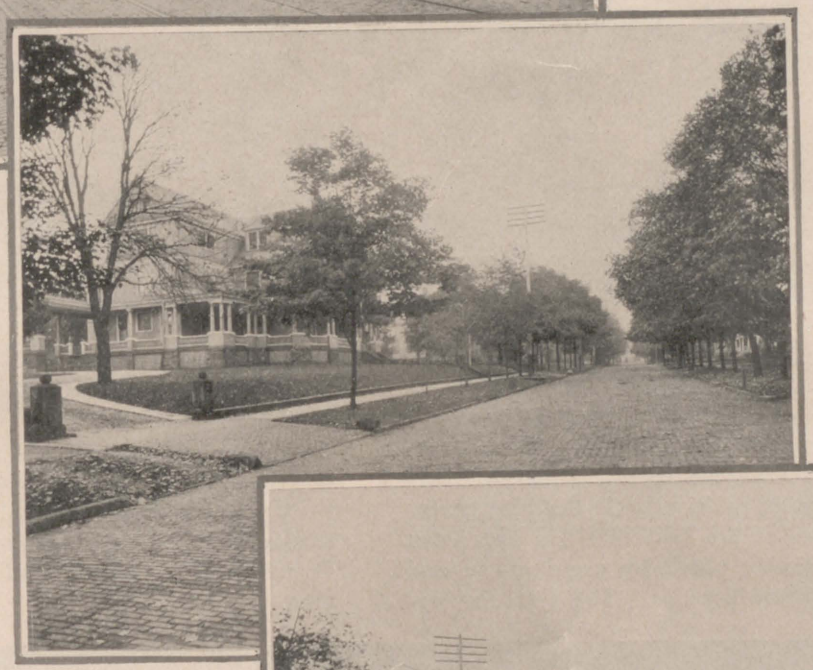


STREETS IN AKRON

POPULAR RESIDENCE

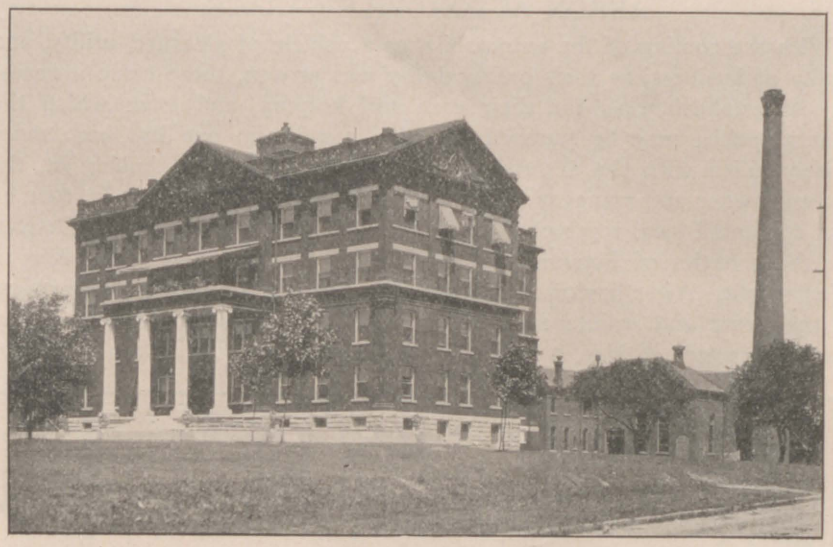
## THE DELMONT RESTAURANT.

The "Delmont" is absolutely the best restaurant in Akron or vicinity. This is saying a good deal, but it is the universal verdict, and is based on the excellence of the service, the varied bill of fare and many other things that go to make up the first class restaurant, which are found here and which are lacking in many other places that would be in the same class. The proprietor, Mr. Joe Vinez, has long experience in the business, and is thoroughly up to date in every respect. He is an expert chef, and has seen service in this department in a number of the best hotels in the large cities, and has given satisfaction in all. His management is without fault, and he has surrounded himself with expert help in every department. He is assisted by his wife, who is the best pastry cook in the city and the general service is the best that has ever been known in Akron. This fact is immediately noted by every guest, and it has served to make the place immensely popular. The table is supplied with everything in season, something that cannot be truly said about any other place of the kind in Akron or vicinity. He serves a regular meal for twenty cents which is worth fifty cents anywhere else, and is entirely different from what one would naturally expect at so low a price. Short orders are a specialty, and there is no lunch counter feature connected with the house. The Delmont has a capacity of seventy-five people at one time, and it is no unusual thing for it to be full. It is neatly furnished throughout and is kept delightfully clean and wholesome. The tables are set with handsomely decorated china, and individual tea and coffee sets are used for each guest, something that is not done in any other place in the city, no difference what the price. It is a pleasure to eat at the Delmont and a pleasure to talk about it afterward, which is done by all the patrons of the house, for the reason that it is first-class in every respect and caters to the very best trade. The Delmont is a success and it deserves to succeed, because it is the best.

GREAT FALLS NEAR AKRON, ON THE N. O. T. & I. CO.'S LINES

A PATH TO "OLD MAID'S" KITCHEN," NEAR AKRON

W. W. McINTOSH'S GOTHIC BLOCK



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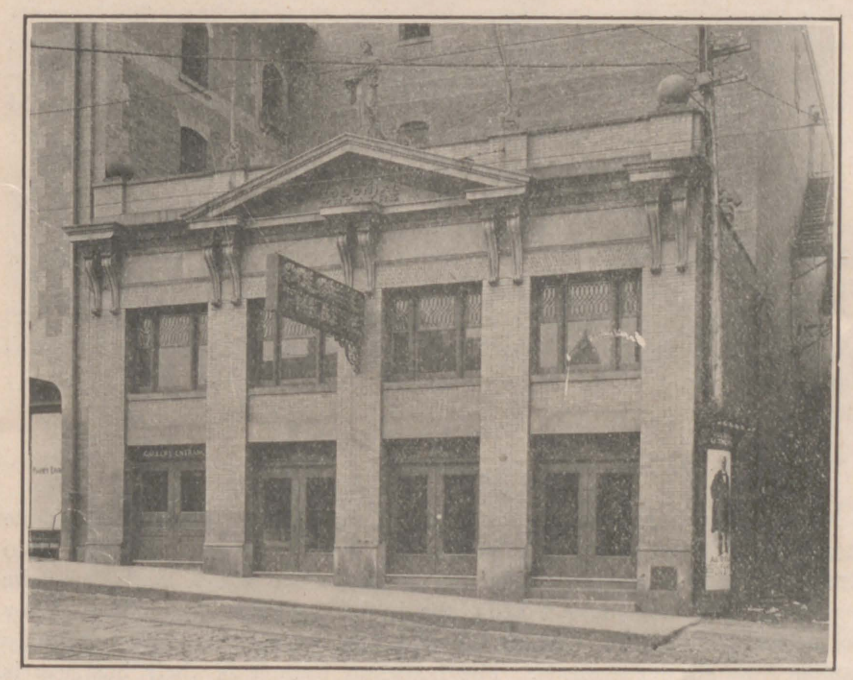
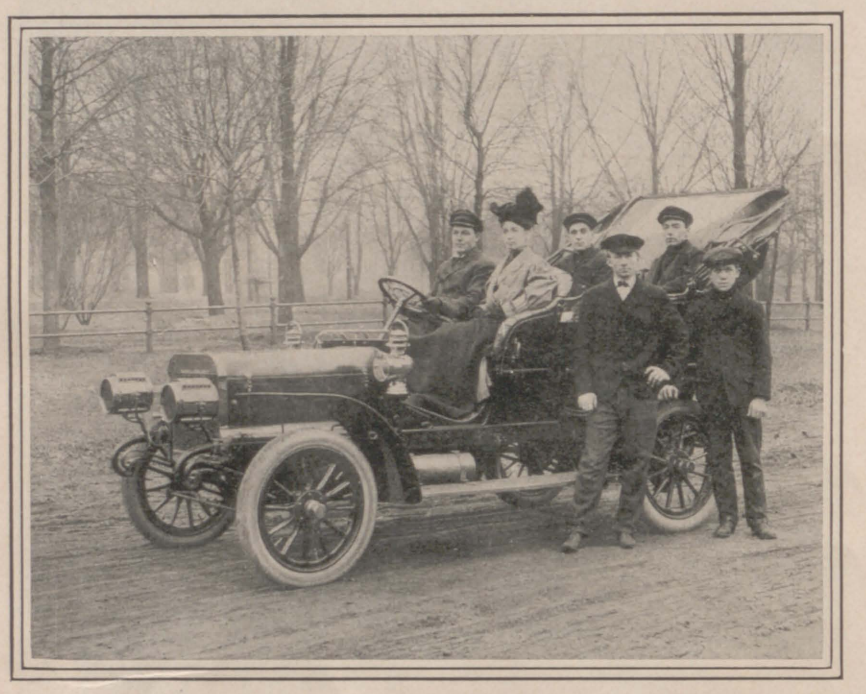


COLONIAL THEATRE

## AKRON AUTOMOBILE GARAGE.

With the coming of the automobile, as a vehicle of pleasure, utility, and finally of business, as their practicability was proven, there came a necessity of establishments for their care and keeping, and from which the general public may be supplied. In this respect no one has been more closely allied with the automobile industry than Andrew Auble, Jr., the present owner and manager of the Akron Automobile Garage. In 1901 he was appointed local representative of the Oldsmobile Company, of Detroit, for the counties of Summit and Medina, his home at that time being in Wadsworth. After having sold some fifty machines in Akron, the problem of their care and maintenance was solved by his removal to Akron, and leasing quarters at Nos. 9 and 11 West Buchtel avenue, in the spring of



MR. AUBLE AND EMPLOYES IN HIS MODEL "B" WINTON

1903. In October of the same year he took a partner, F. F. Miller, and the business was conducted under the name of the Akron Automobile Garage Company. In July of the following year he purchased Mr. Miller's interests and assumed entire control. In September of 1904 the business was removed to more commodious quarters, the present location on West Cedar street, where you will find one of the most complete equipped garage and repair works in the state. Mr. Auble has been engaged in the business ever since the automobile became a practical fact, and is an expert in everything connected with it. As the industry grows, he is preparing to take care of it, having just completed a fine brick fire proof structure, two stories high, for the salesroom and storage of new machines. Separate from this is the building where the repair shops are located, and in which parts and supplies are manufactured and carried in stock. The repair shop alone having 7,000 feet of floor space, and is supplied with every thing necessary for prompt attention to every possible demand. This department is under the direct supervision of F. E. Hilbert, who has had twelve years' practical experience in the mechanical line. Only expert workmen are employed, and the results are proven, by the many machines brought from neighboring towns for general repairs. Owners of automobiles having learned that only the most reliable work is worth having, and the result is that the Akron Automobile Garage is patronized by the wisest owners.

The concern has the agency for three of the most reliable and popular machines that are manufactured, Winton, Franklin and Oldsmobile. The sales this season, up to the time of writing this article have been about fifty machines of the various kinds.

The auto livery is one of the best in the state, headed by one Model "B" Winton. Mr. Auble gives his personal attention to the business. He has studied the wants of his patrons, and is always on the alert to supply them.

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## HIRAM JACKSON & SONS.

Messrs. Hiram Jackson & Sons operate the White Palace livery stable at 21 South Main street, and the Empire livery stable at 16 North Main street, Mr. Hiram Jackson conducting the latter and Mr. J. H. Jackson the former, Mr. Homer Jackson being the junior member of the firm. They do a general boarding, feed, livery and sale business and are admirably equipped in all departments. The boarding branch of their business is one of the best in the city and accommodates more high class horses than almost any other. This is made a specialty, and boarding horses are in the hands of expert hostlers and are given the best possible attention, better than any owner can possibly give, without incurring an expense much greater than the boarding charges at either the Empire or White Palace stables. For this reason the boarding department is always well filled. The stalls, single and box, are all large and roomy, well ventilated and are kept in the very best sanitary condition. Their livery outfit is as good as can be found anywhere and is patronized by the very best local and transient trade. Their carriages and other vehicles are kept separate from the stables, and are thus always clean and wholesome. They have the best coach in Akron, a Cunningham, built in Rochester, N. Y., and also a full line of carriages and coaches for weddings, funerals, parties and calls. In every way the business is conducted in an up-to-date manner, with up-to-date vehicles and the best livery horses in the city. They also operate a rubber tire fitting department, established for their own use, but which has gained a reputation which forced them to pay attention to work for the public, which is very largely done. They are agents for all the standard makes of rubber tires, which they put on in the most scientific manner with a full guaranty in every case. The prices throughout are reasonable for first-class service, and no other kind is given. The stables are open day and night, and horses are called for and delivered to any part of the city.

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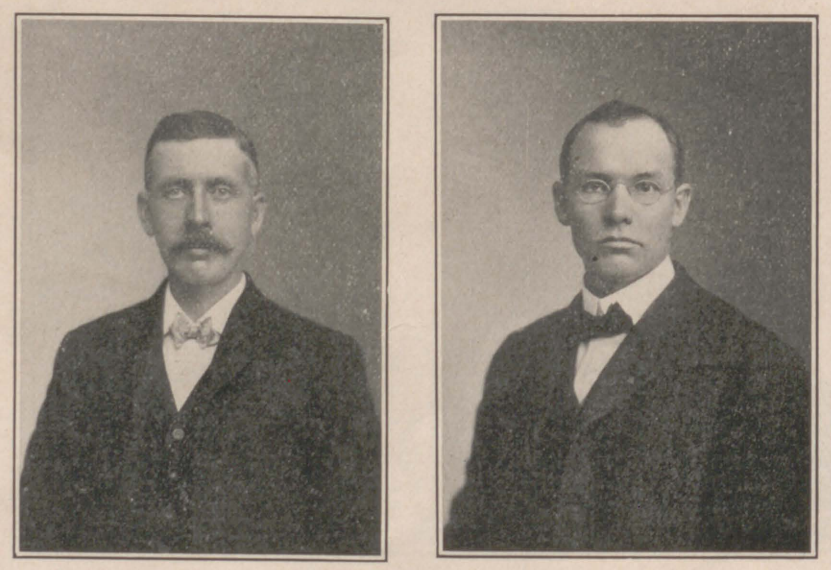
## THE AKRON MONUMENTAL WORKS.

The Akron Monumental Works of which Messrs. Guthrie and Rogers are proprietors, is one of the leading concerns of its kind in the state of Ohio, and there is not one anywhere that is more capable of doing more artistic work or can furnish first-class work at a lower price. There are reasons for this. They are practical workmen, Mr. Guthrie being an expert draftsman and designer, at the same time being a practical granite worker. Mr. Rogers is also an expert granite worker with a thorough knowledge of his trade in all its details, being manager of an extensive granite plant in the East for many years. They furnish their own special designs and oversee every part of their work. They are among the largest buyers of monumental stone in the country, and paying cash for what they get, they are able to make the lowest prices consistent with first-class work. They insist on this kind of work, and will not undertake any other. They use the latest and most improved methods of handling stone and executing the work, using the latest pneumatic tools and every other appliance made for convenience, accuracy and artistic effect. Their equipment is the very best, and they employ only the best workmen. Both members of the firm were formerly residents of Barre, Vermont, and were interested in the granite and marble business there for many years. They came to Akron with abundant capital and a knowledge of their business, gained by experience, and have built up a wonderful trade, considering the length of time they have been located here. Among the monuments they have erected may be mentioned the Dague monument in Doylestown, O.; the Huber monument in Talmadge, O.; the Honodle Mausoleum in East Akron Cemetery; the Pontius monument in Pleasant Valley Cemetery; the Moersch monument in Glendale; the Joseph Kendall in East Akron; the Green monument in East Akron; the Waltz in Glendale; the Gibbs in East Akron; the Chapman in East Akron; the Stewart in Mount Peace cemetery; the Tilden monument at Boston, O.; the Bancroft monument at Randolph, and many others. All of their work possesses an individual excellence that is not noted in that of any other firm, and attracts instant attention from those who know what such work should be. They are always ready to submit designs and estimates and are confident that they can meet every want in their line.



MESSRS. GUTHRIE AND ROGERS, OF AKRON MONUMENTAL WORKS

## THE AKRON LAUNDRY COMPANY.

The modern laundry is developed to the highest degree, being fitted with machinery that does the work, thought at one time to be possible only to human hands, and doing it better than the human hand can do it. The operation of such a laundry is a complex affair, involving the division of labor, close attention to minute details and everything else leading up to perfection of work. Such a laundry is that of the Akron Laundry Company, which was established four years ago, and which has become one of the leading establishments of its kind in this section. It is bountifully equipped with the very best machinery that is made, and this machinery is operated by skilled peo-

ple, the whole superintended by Mr. R. M. Wilson, who has had twenty years of experience in the laundry business, and who is recognized as an expert laundry manager. Mr. Wilson is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the company, Mr. N. P. Goodhue being president, and Mr. E. J. Aldefer vice president. The plant was built especially for the company and is owned by it and was designed especially for the laundry business. It therefore has many advantages over similar establishments located in accidental buildings, and all of these advantages are made to count in the direction of good work and prompt service. It is known to everybody as the largest and best equipped laundry in Akron, and its work is the standard which it is difficult for others to reach. The Akron Laundry does all the leading hotel work, for which it has a special department. It also has a special department for family work and another for bundle work, more than forty people being employed in the three departments, and five wagons are constantly operated.

MASONIC LODGE ROOM

## S. WEIN,

THE NEW YORK EXPERT LADIES' TAILOR AND DRAPER.

Akron is fortunate in many respects, but in none more so than in possessing such an establishment as that of Mr. Samuel Wein's High Class Ladies' Tailoring establishment, located at 15 North Summit street, near Market street. Mr. Wein enjoys the advantage of a most thorough and practical training covering a period of many years and with the foremost and most reputable of houses in the famous fashion center of America, namely, New York City, having previously been identified with the house of B. Altman of that city.

Since establishing here about one year ago he has been and is constantly besieged with the best class of Akron's trade for high grade ladies' tailoring, and the writer can conscientiously state that the critical dressers among the elite of Akron can be served no better even if it were in New York City itself than by Mr. Wein.

In order to be exact in measurements and the consequent cutting of fine imported and domestic cloths (which by the way are handled more extensively here than elsewhere in Akron or vicinity) one must have at his fingers' end the craft of knowing how to draft patterns that fit and

a remarkable amount of originality of styles, which Mr. Wein possesses in a most marked degree. This statement is easily verified by noting the majority of the most fashionably dressed ladies during this fall and winter who wear the Wein made garments.

All of his work turned out, whether it be a $35.00 gown or a $75.00 gown, represents the most artistic workmanship and the best of hand tailoring throughout.

Mr. Wein's work speaks for itself in every instance and no work is slighted or any garment allowed to go out unless perfect in every detail, regardless of how well satisfied his custom might be. A large assortment of the finest of ladies cloth is carried in the latest modes and combination of colorings and the most fastidious can be served and entire satisfaction is guaranteed by the proprietor in each instance.

The establishment is centrally located, and at most any time some of Akron's most fashionable set may be seen going to and from this establishment, either placing or having placed their orders with Mr. Wein, as he personally supervises the entire business and is ably assisted by his wife and a corps of skilled artisans, in the carrying out and execution of all orders. His parlors are well furnished and every convenience to the trade is at hand also. Bell Phone 945.

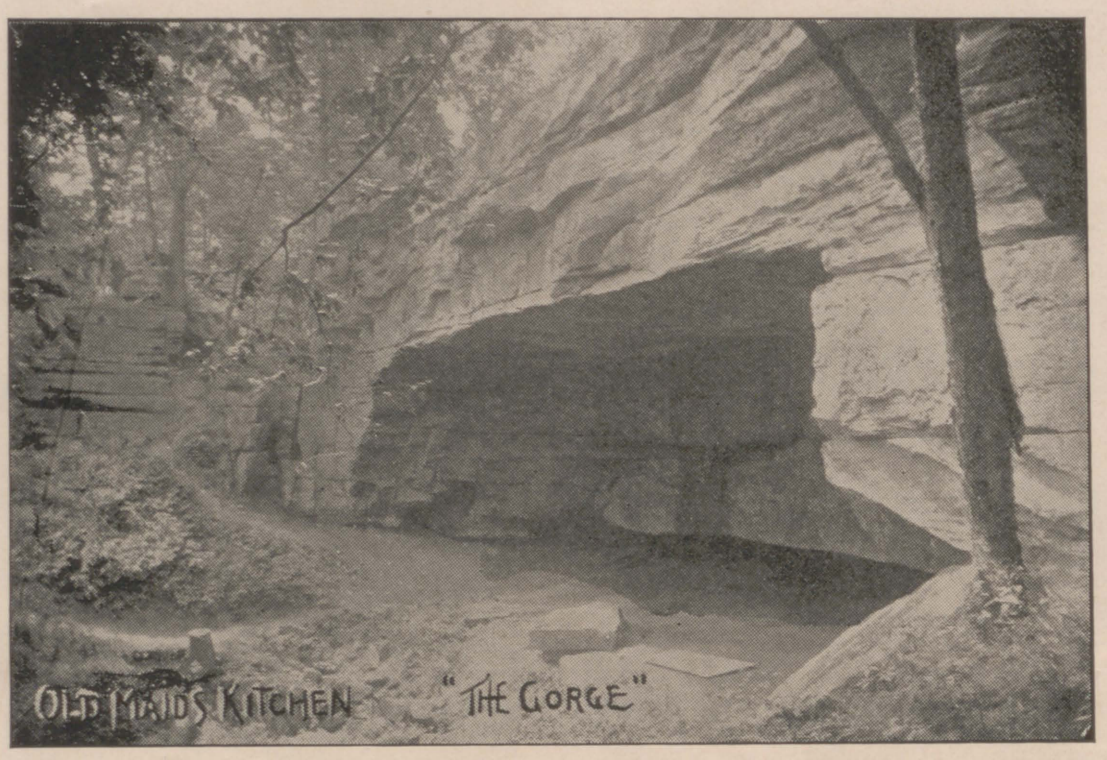
His trade has already extended to Cleveland, besides Akron and vicinity.

## KRISHER'S BRASS FOUNDRY.

Krisher's Brass Foundry is an Akron institution that is thoroughly established in the esteem of its patrons on account of its reputation for first-class work in every department. Mr. P. A. Krisher, the proprietor, is himself a practical workman and he has surrounded himself with practical workmen in an establishment that has been built up with an especial view to meeting every demand that may be made upon it for everything in brass, phosphor bronze, aluminum bronze and aluminum castings. This foundry was established six years ago, and the excellence of its work was soon made manifest. The many manufacturing industries of Akron recognized its work as being the best, and the result is that it enjoys a large and constantly increasing local patronage and does a great deal of work which goes to other cities. Mr. Krisher owns the building and plant The former is 35 by 60 feet, two stories in height and is filled with everything that is necessary for the conduct of the business. Expert pattern makers and designers are employed, so that the work not only meets the purposes for which it is intended, but it has a character distinctly its own, both in quality and attractiveness. Mr. Krisher is ably assisted by Mr. D. J. Richard, who is an expert in his department. The entire establishment is kept strictly up-to-date, and is in every way one of the most complete in this section and a credit to Akron.

## L. KRYDER & SONS.

Thirty years in business is a long time when it is remembered that the average life of a business concern is a little less than five years. Thus it is that the firm of L. Kryder & Sons have seen five generations of business houses come and go, for they have been in business for thirty years, Messrs. Levi and Chas. M. Kryder having established the pioneer grain, seed and feed store in Akron in 1875. Since that time others have come and gone, but the old firm has grown and enlarged its business and increased its capital and bought property and built itself up until it has a foundation so secure that to all appearances another thirty years will find it larger and more prosperous than ever. The firm is now composed of Messrs. C. M. and J. H. Kryder, both having the active management of the business. They carry a very large line of field and garden seeds and feed, and do an immense wholesale and retail business, their seeds especially being shipped to all parts of the United States. They handle only the best goods, and their reputation is the very best. Their local trade is heavy, and they supply a very large part of the farming country tributary to Akron with seeds of all kinds. They have the agency for the Milburn wagons, which are the most popular wagons sold in this section of the state, because they are the best. A special department is devoted to the handling of prepared stock food, poultry food, and stock and poultry



BELOW THE FALLS. A BIT OF CUYAHOGA RIVER SCENERY, NEAR AKRON

remedies. They buy their goods from the best and largest producers, and are careful at all times that the quality of everything they handle is the very best that can be had. Unsatisfactory goods are something that their customers know nothing about. The firm owns the property they occupy, the building being sixty-six by 120 feet, covering Nos. 9, 11 and 15 Main street.

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## THE AKRON ROOFING TILE COMPANY.

Tiles are not the oldest roofing material in the world, but the oldest buildings in the world have tile roofs. There is a meaning in this, and that is that tile roofing is the best and most durable in the world. In the older countries of Europe there are tile roofs that are as old as the time of the Romans and they are good roofs yet, while there are a great many that have been in existence longer than America has been known to the world. No other material has such a record or can have it. Shingles rot away in a few years. Atmospheric acids and oxides disintegrate metals of all kinds, heat and cold affect slate and the felts, papers, etc., are compositions and are mere temporary makeshifts. There is only one "forever" roof, and that is roof tile, of the vitrified kind, such as is made by the Akron Roofing Tile Company. This tile, when it is well burned, as every tile put out by this company, is indestructible when placed on the roof. Nothing but heavy blows can demolish or injure or ever deface them. They do not fade or change color, so that the roof will look in a hundred years like it does the day it is put on. Lightning will not strike it, moisture cannot injure it and even fire itself has no effect on it. But it should be remembered that there are different kinds of tiling. Until the products of the Akron Roofing Tile Company were placed on the market the objection was made that American tiles absorbed moisture, adding immensely to the weight of the roof, causing interior dampness, and finally giving way under stress of weather. With these tiles all these objections were overcome. Being perfectly burned and thoroughly vitrified, the Akron Roofing Tile Company's tiles take up no more water than window glass. It is by all conceded to be the hardest and toughest tile and one standing the greatest breaking strain of any tile in this country, and the tests have been severe enough and frequent enough to establish the fact in the minds of all who know anything about it. The plant of the Akron Roofing Tile Company is one of the largest of its kind in the country. It covers several acres of ground and is perfectly equipped. A large force of hands is employed, and shipments are made all over the country, it having been learned by all builders that the best tile is the one that is wanted, and this can be had only at the one place. The factory was established in 1875, and was incorporated in 1902. Since that time the business has been greatly increased, and it is still growing in a most substantial way. It is looked upon as one of Akron's most important industries. The manufacture embraces every variety of roofing tile in glazed and plain colors, and also finials, crestings, ornaments, floor quarries, floor tiles and many other things connected with the building trade. The company has selling agencies in all parts of the country. The business of the company is ably conducted by Mr. Chas. E. Howland, secretary, treasurer and general manager, who is assisted by Mr. W. B. Collins and a large force of experienced help. An illustrated catalogue covering the lines manufactured will be mailed on request.

AKRON ROOFING TILE COMPANY'S PLANT

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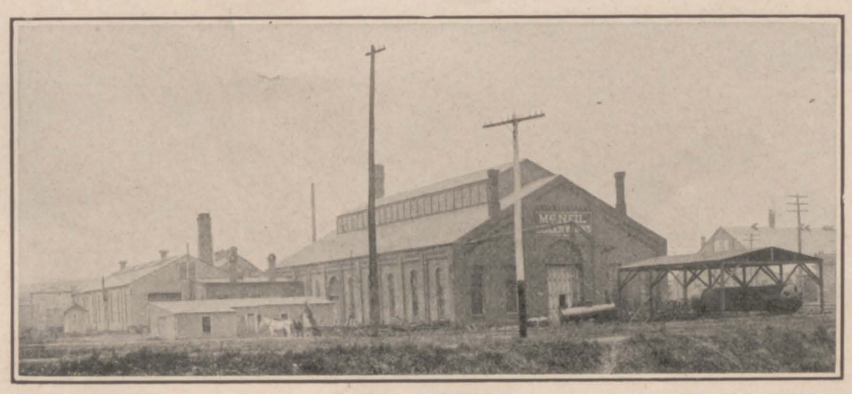
## ROBINSON & TALLMAN.

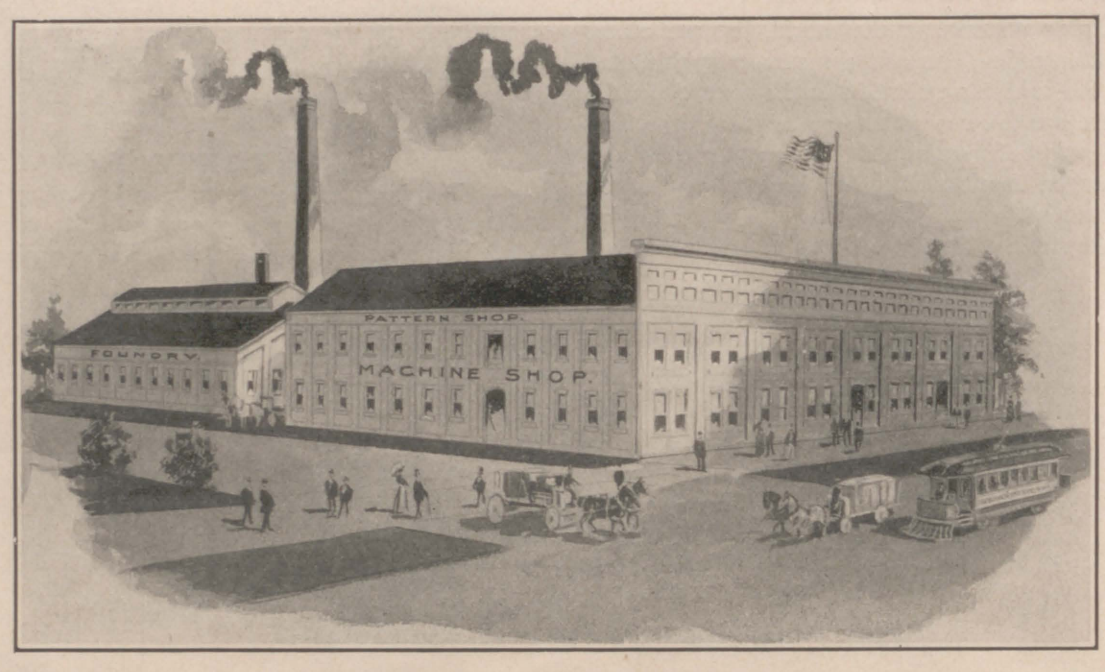
The importance of Akron as a rubber manufacturing center makes it necessary that the many manufactories engaged in the production of rubber goods of every kind should have perfect facilities for the purchase of their stocks of the crude article. These facilities are furnished through several crude rubber firms of New York. Robinson & Tallman are among the largest importers of crude rubber in the United States, with their agency in Akron located in room 432 Dobson building. This firm has been established for more than a quarter of a century, and its business extends to every part of the country. The Akron agency is conducted by Mr. F. R. Henderson. The firm mentioned handles large quantities of crude rubber, which is shipped in ton lots. The supply is drawn from nearly every tropical part of the world, from the natural forests of Brazil, Africa and Central America, as well as from the cultivated areas of Central America and the islands of the East Indies. The firm is in communication with buyers in rubber-producing centers and its facilities in every respect for procuring and handling crude rubber are well cared for. The local agency covers all of the territory west of Pittsburg. Mr. Henderson has been with the firm of Robinson & Tallman for the past eight years. He is thoroughly acquainted with all of the details of his business, having commenced as a boy. This practical knowledge of rubber and its adaptabilities is of great benefit, not only to himself, but to his customers, who have learned largely to depend upon his knowledge and experience as a supplement to their own. Mr. Henderson is today probably the youngest representative of the crude rubber trade in the field, and he is certainly among the best and most aggressive and at the same time the most conservative.



McNEIL BOILER COMPANY'S PLANT

## A. ADAMSON.

One of the most conspicuous successes of Akron is the business of Mr. A. Adamson, proprietor of the Adamson Foundry and Machine Works. He began business in a very small way in 1886, employing but two men. He knew his business, however, being an expert mechanic and filled with the determination to succeed. He did his work well, a little better every time than was expected, with the result that every chance patron became permanent. He early made a specialty of rubber manufacturing machinery, and it is in this department that the greatest amount of the best work is done. Mr. Adamson now manufactures rubber working machinery for rubber factories all over the world, his products being the standard and many of the most important being made nowhere else. His line now embraces general machine work, rubber works machinery of all kinds, molds for soft and dies for hard rubber goods, hand and hydraulic presses, pottery machinery, special machinery of all kinds, wood and metal patterns, and in fact everything that can be turned out by a foundry and machine shop. Mr. Adamson still gives the business his personal attention, and is his own master mechanic, being filled with the idea that it is the work that counts. He employs upwards of seventy-five expert mechanics, besides helpers and a competent office force. The plant is probably the most complete of its kind in the country and is certainly so in the department devoted to rubber molds and machinery, his molds being used by the majority of the largest rubber plants in the country and also in Europe, the export business growing every year. Mr. Adamson is the sole owner of the business and of the plant. He is a self-made man and has come to the front through his unexcelled ability, his devotion to business and his mechanical and engineering skill. He is one of the leading citizens of Akron and is fully appreciated by the people among whom he has lived and worked and won success.



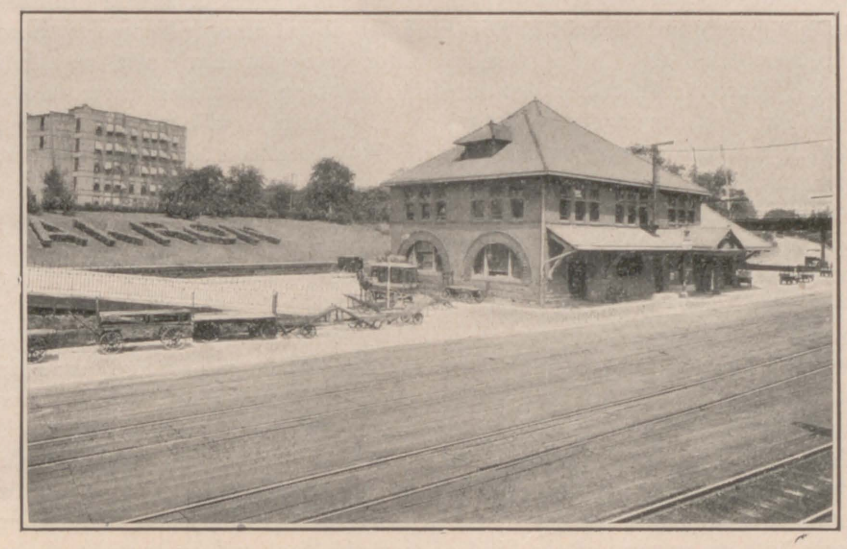

ADAMSON'S FOUNDRY AND MACHINE WORKS

## THE STEIN DOUBLE CUSHION TIRE COMPANY.

The manufacture of rubber tires for vehicles is believed to have reached perfection, and if it has done so it is in the Stein Double Cushion Tire, which is designed on scientifically correct principles, securing the greatest resiliency combined with durability in a way that is not found in any other tire. There may be tires in which these qualities, taken separately, are as high as in the Stein Double Cushion Tire, but in no other tire are they found in such complete combination. This has been demonstrated wherever they have been used as compared with other tires. The Stein tires are made of the best rubber that can be used, and the central idea of their construction is perfection itself, and is conveyed in the double cushion, which of itself doubles the action of the tire in producing comfort on the part of the occupant of the vehicle. This can hardly be explained in an article so short as this, but if you get over a Stein Double Cushion Tire after having had experience with other tires you will know without being told. The plant in which these tires is produced is modern in every detail and is designed along the most practical lines. The buildings now have 31,000 feet of floor space, and two new additions, each 42 by 70 feet, two stories high are being built, and plans for other buildings are made which will more than double the present capacity. The tires manufactured are for all sorts of vehicles on which rubber tires are used, and range in size from three quarters of an inch to two inches. The company was organized in 1901, and is one of three similar concerns in the United States and the only establishment manufacturing rubber tires and nothing else. The officers of the company are C. K. Sunshine, president; Jacob Newman, vice president, and M. M. Newman, secretary and treasurer.

STEIN DOUBLE CUSHION RUBBER TIRE COMPANY'S PLANT

ENTRANCE TO GLENDALE CEMETERY



UNION DEPOT

POSTOFFICE

CHILDREN'S ORPHAN HOME

MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING, HOME OF DIME SAVINGS BANK

## H. P. CAHILL.

A whole chapter might be written on the advantages of sanitary plumbing, but no argument could be advanced that is not already known to those who have tried the Cahill plumbing after being familiar with the other kind. There is what is called sanitary plumbing, and then there is the real thing, and they are very different. The Cahill kind is really sanitary, that is, it excludes every possibility of the evil effects of noxious gases, odors and pollution of every kind. There is no more insidious poison than that which comes from plumbing that is not of the right kind. Its effect may not be noticeable at once, and its existence may not be noted, but sooner or later it becomes apparent when some member of the family or store or office force is stricken down by a malady whose only possible source can be the miasma which originates in defective plumbing. It is then too late to undo the harm, but further attacks can be prevented by having Cahill replace the cause of the trouble by plumbing that can never cause trouble. Many people have done this and wise ones will still do it when they learn what is the matter. There are, of course, other people who do good plumbing, but Cahill does nothing else than the best all the time. It is therefore always a safe proposition to employ him to do your work, both on account of the kind of work he does and on account of the reasonable prices which he charges for it. A call over either phone, 195, will bring him for consultation. His store, at 72 Howard street, contains every needed thing in plumbing, as well as a large line of the finest gas fixtures in the city.

## COREY BROS.

Corey Bros. is a firm which was established four years ago for the manufacture and construction of gutters, roofing, spouting, sheet metal work of all descriptions, art metal ceilings and side walls, and in fact everything known to the trade in the way of sheet metal. They also manufacture the Elastic Graphite Roof Paint, which has been thoroughly demonstrated to be the best paint on the market. It has qualities that are not possessed by any other paint, and has given perfect satisfaction wherever it has been used. It is no more expensive than any other good paint, and will give better results than the highest priced paint that is made. Those who have tried it know, and those who have not should learn of its superior merits for their own advantage. The firm also does a large amount of job work and work to order for which they are admirably prepared. They make a specialty of chain pumps in regular sizes or to order. They are also agents for the Fox furnaces and the Massillon Boomer furnaces, which are as good as furnaces can be made, and which are sold at prices that do not admit of competition in anything that approaches them in real value, economy of fuel and heating efficiency. A great many of these furnaces have been installed in Akron and vicinity, and there is not one of them that is not giving perfect satisfaction, or which could be replaced by any other furnace of the same cost, free of charge. The firm is composed of Messrs. W. E. and James A. Corey, both of whom are excellent gentlemen and good business men.

## AL. BODER.

If there is a man in Akron who does not know Al. Boder it is some vegetarian or other who nas not been here very long. Everybody who buys meat knows him and the Fulton Market, and is now or will be, when he finds what's good for him, a customer. Mr. Boder, everybody calls him "Al.", has been established in business in Akron twenty-six years, and is one of the pioneer market men of the city. He has one of the largest shops in the city and in many respects it is the best. It is finely equipped, with every late improvement for the handling of meats and other things belonging to the trade, its own power plant and machinery, an immense refrigerator and everything else belonging to a first-class establishment of the kind. The Fulton Market meats are always the best that can be had, and in season the line of poultry, oysters and game is very large. Mr. Boder caters to the best trade and has the means of supplying it at all times. He makes a specialty of keeping what you want when you want and you are always safe in ordering, from and depending on him. He operates a free delivery system, and makes deliveries to any part of the city. An order by the People's phone 407 or Bell 'phone No. 1592 R 1 will be promptly and satisfactorily served. A thing that should be noted in connection with the business is that Mr. Boder manufactures all of his own sausage. The purchaser is therefore certain of getting good goods, made from clean and healthful meats, which, one is compelled to regret, is not the case when you buy sausage and can't find out who made it. The other kind is much more satisfactory. Mr. Boder operates also stalls 21 and 22 at the Market House, which are the largest stalls in the market, under the supervision of his nephew, Chas. O'Neil, known more familiarly as "Red." That Mr. Boder appreciates his old customers is shown by his treatment of them. That they appreciate him is shown by the way they stick to him, some of them having been with him for a quarter of a century. You could not do better than to be one of them.

## THE AKRON REALTY COMPANY.

The Akron Realty Company is one of the leading real estate concerns of Northern Ohio, and has always in waiting for the judicious buyer the choicest bargains in real property of all kinds. Just at this time the company is offering something especially attractive in the suburb of Kenmore, one of the most beautiful and desirable spots for homes that can be found anywhere. Kenmore has advantages that are sought for in vain elsewhere for the home-builder. It is on the main street connecting Akron and Barberton. The resident of this suburb enjoys all the benefits of the city without the drawback of high taxes and other things that militate against the ownership of property. Kenmore has fine churches, good schools, ample sewerage, pure spring water piped to the houses of its residents, fine sidewalks, excellent street car service and many other desirable things. The lots controlled by the Kenmore Realty Company are the best in the place and enjoy all of the advantages enumerated above, and many others. In fact, there is nothing left to be desired in them, and they have the advantage of remarkable cheapness, while the terms on which they are sold will appeal to all. The company feels that it has something exceptionally good in this property, and if the reader is interested in buying property for a home or for an advance he will be interested in this, and is invited to call at the offices in the Coventry block, 1120 South Main street, and make a full investigation, for which every facility is offered. Kenmore is the coming suburb of Akron, and the property which is offered by the Akron Realty Company will speedily advance in value far beyond its present figures, so that quick action is necessary to secure the best bargains. The keen investor has only to investigate to the slightest degree to become convinced of the desirability of this property and the work of making a sale is done.

The company is comprised of the following well-known gentlemen: H. B. Camp, president; Fred E. Smith, vice president; M. C. Heminger, general manager; C. H. Stahl, counsel; W. C. Hall, T. H. Smith, G. E. Helmreich.

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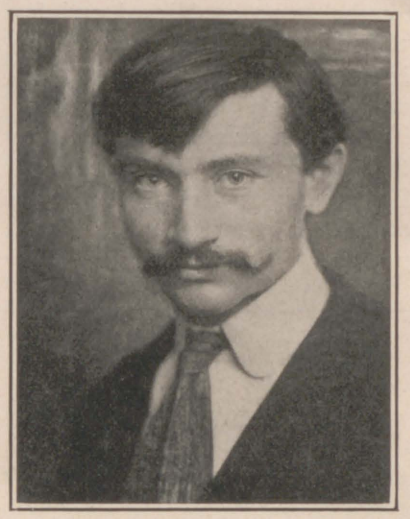

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## AKRON POLISHING AND PLATING WORKS.

The proprietor of the Akron Polishing and Plating Works, Mr. A. A. Wybel, started in and learned his trade at an unusually early age, and at the age of twelve he had charge of one of the important branches of the business, and four years ago purchased the present plant, which is complete in every detail and capable of turning out the best grade of work of every character in the polishing and plating lines. Mr. Wybel, though long since past his majority, is still a young man, but his business has increased until he now occupies quarters with 10,000 feet of floor space, fitted up with every possible appliance for polishing and plating of every description on a large scale, with electric motor power and employing fifteen people, all of whom are expert workmen. Although running day and night, and large as is the force and the space, both will have to be increased immediately, and arrangements are being made for removal to larger quarters, in which more men will be employed. Mr. Wybel does work for many of the largest manufacturing establishments of the state, and is in a position to do it better and cheaper than any one else. The office and works are at present at the corner of Church and Broadway streets, where Mr. Wybel may be found at all times giving his personal supervision to his large and rapidly growing business, which has had an increase of over 50 per cent since purchased by Mr. Wybel.

## BUNTS & BLISS.

In all of the ages the profession of the architect is an honored one. His work is not for a day or for a season, but for a lifetime. It must stand the test of time and of varying tastes, and must therefore be based on proper conceptions of art and fitness. A building built on other lines may appeal to the passing fancy, but a very short time will render it odious and an eyesore. It is important, therefore, for the architect to understand his profession in all of its branches, not only in theory, but in practice, and he must have with his technical skill the true artistic sense like that which enabled the old masters to paint pictures which have appealed to the critical taste of all times. It is not necessary, of course, that the architect should be a genius, but he must be at least an artist. The firm of Bunts & Bliss is composed of two masters of their profession, who are not mere draftsmen. They are skilled in that, but they have the artistic sense that makes of their designs things of beauty and appropriateness, which, when worked out in brick and stone, appeal to every eye. Mr. Bunts has had nine years of experience and Mr. Bliss has fourteen years of successful endeavor behind him. The partnership has not long been in existence, but since it was formed they have done more work than any other similar concern in Akron. The handsome Y. M. C. A. Building, erected at a cost of $75,000, was built by them. Among other buildings which they have executed are Messrs. Dan McGarry's, H. B. Dodge's and R. E. Inskeep's residences, which are among the most admirable suburban homes in Summit county; the Campania apartment building, which cost upwards of $50,000; the First Presbyterian church, which cost $45,000; the Copley high school building; the Samuel Finely School on North Hill, now under construction; Zimmerly Bros. Block, and a great number of other business blocks and residences. They have also had charge of the reconstruction of the Church of Our Savior (Episcopal) church at the corner of Oakdale and Crosby streets, which has been transformed into a beautiful building.

## W. F. NYE PLUMBING COMPANY.

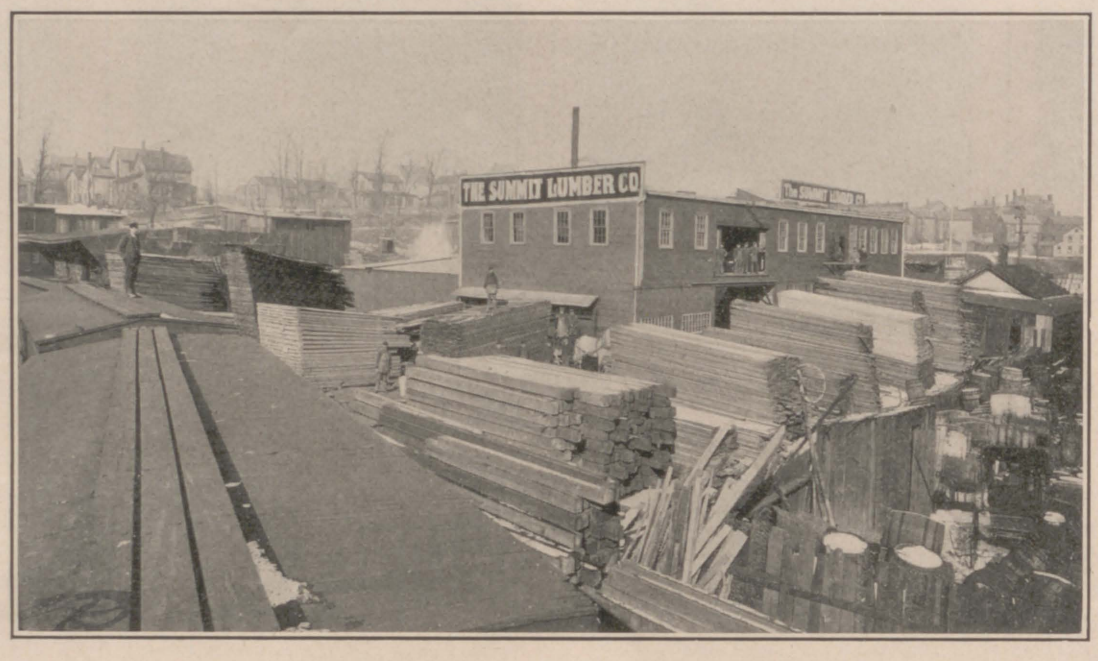
There is no man in the plumbing business in Akron who is better or more favorably known as a business man and master workman than Mr. W. F. Nye, proprietor of the W. F. Nye Plumbing Company. He has been engaged in the plumbing business for thirteen years, after having learned the trade in the regular way, and is an expert in every department. He was the original organizer of the Akron Plumbing and Heating Company, but two years ago embarked in the present business for himself. He not only understands his trade, but he knows the needs of his customers, and is an adept at estimating the cost of work, giving in each instance the lowest possible price for the best work, and bringing the cost below rather than above the estimate, thus satisfying his patrons, not only with the quality of work which he does, but also with the price that they are called on to pay for it. He has neat and attractive show rooms at No. 49 West Market street, with shops in the rear. He carries a complete stock of all plumbing goods and all kinds of enameled ware. He does only the best sanitary work, and when he has done a job, there is no fault to find or complaint to make about it, because it is done right, and is as nearly perfect as skill and plumbing science can make it. Mr. Nye has the distinction also of being a steam and hot water expert and his work in this line has proven satisfactory in every instance. He is always pleased to make estimates on all classes of work, and his figures carry a convincing power about them that rarely fail to do their work. He has installed some of the very best work in Akron and vicinity, and his reputation as a master plumber rests on the superior excellence of his work. He has both telephones—People's 435 and Bell 1258, and responds promptly to all calls, especially to those regarding emergency work. His business is most satisfactory and is constantly increasing.

## C. H. LOOMIS.

Mr. C. H. Loomis enjoys the reputation of being the best electrician in Akron, and he is in fact one of the best in the state or in the United States. He was brought up in the business, trained under an expert and has developed his knowledge by individual effort and application, coupled with a peculiar natural aptness, amounting almost to genius, until he is without a superior in the practical line of his work. His talents have been recognized in a signal way, both at home and abroad. He began business for himself in Akron six years ago and soon attracted the attention of some of the largest concerns in the city. Among this was the Diamond Match Company, for which he did some very important work. When this company decided to establish a large electrical plant in South Africa Mr. Loomis was called upon to do the work, which he did to the eminent satisfaction of his patrons. The company then sent him to Liverpool, England, to install their large plant there, and he has since done all of the work for the company, both in Akron and Barberton, O. He also installed the electrical machinery and lighting system of the Robinson Clay Product Company's immense plant, and he has done the lighting work for many of the best private houses in the city and vicinity, among them the Ritchie home, Mr. Paul Werner's home, the Wells-Sever-Morgan Company's plant and many others. He employs a large force of workmen and never anything but experienced men, who are kept under expert guidance, so that the results are always the best that it is possible to attain. He installs electrical machinery of any kind or size in any place, whether for power or lighting, and guarantees satisfaction in every case. Estimates are cheerfully furnished for regular or special work upon request, and persons entrusting their work to Mr. Loomis can rest asured that it will be done in the best manner, and that the results cannot fail to be satisfactory.

## SUMMIT LUMBER AND BUILDING COMPANY.

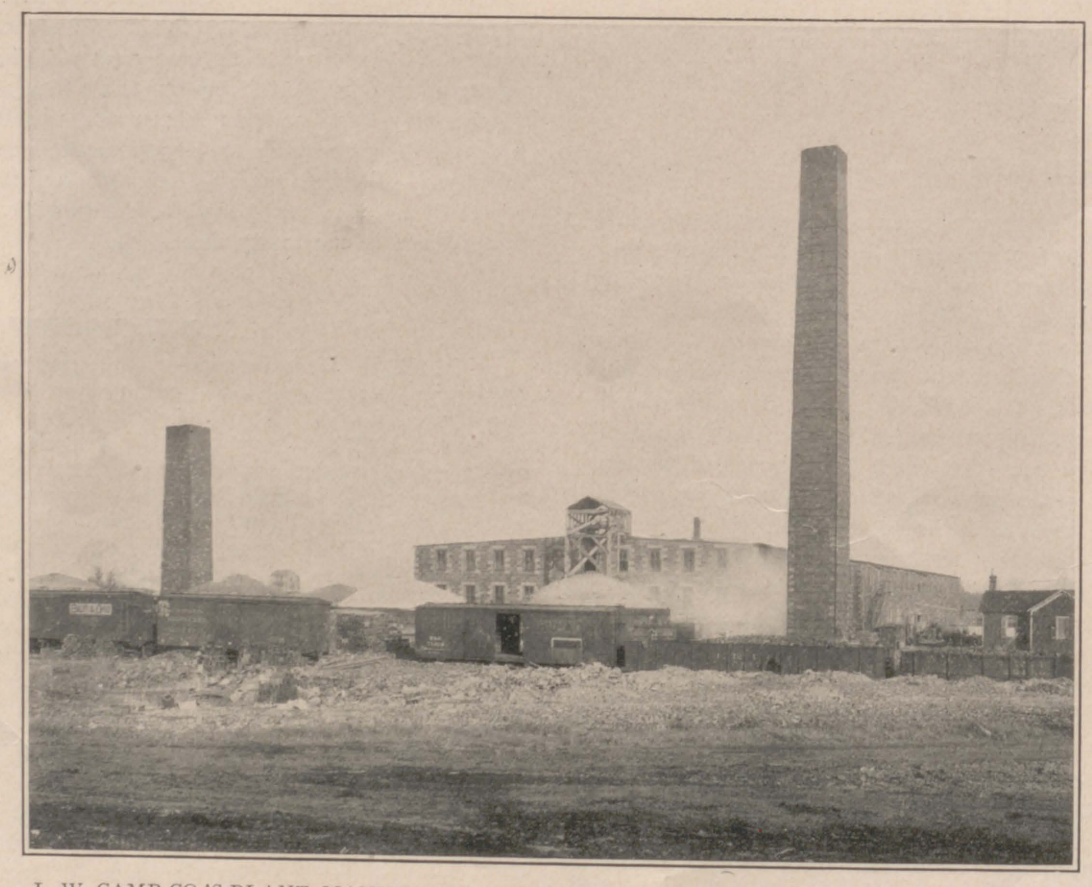
The Summit Lumber and Building company was established and incorporated nine years ago, and in that time has assumed a commanding position in the lumber and building trade in Akron. The plant occupies the ten numbers from 44 to 54 State street, and is one of the most modern of its kind in the city, being equipped with the lastest and best machinery of every kind and kept thoroughly up to date in every department and employing from forty to fifty people and a number of teams. The yards have ample space for the carrying of a large stock of lumber of all kinds, especially the highest grades of building lumber. The shipping facilities are excellent, the plant being located on the Erie belt line, and shipments of lumber are received from the best markets almost every day in the year. Lumber is sold at wholesale and retail, and in addition the company does a large contracting business, many of the best and most modern buildings in the city having been erected by it, including St. Bernard's church, Grace M. E. Church, Grace House, the building of the Union Charity association, the F. H. Mason home on Union street, the Plumer residence, S. H. Kohler residence, G. C. Himmelman residence, H. B. Hamlen residence, W. C. Hall residence, and many others. The company makes a specialty of fine interiors, and they can show some of the most beautiful work in this line to be found anywhere. Mr. T. M. Parker, Jr., is president of the company, and Mr. W. R. Mantz is secretary and treasurer. Mr. T. M. Parker, Sr., is also connected with the company. All are experienced lumber men and expert contractors, with whom it is a genuine pleasure to do business




THE SUMMIT LUMBER AND BUILDING COMPANY

## THE AKRON FIRE-PROOF CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Fire-proof construction as an original proposition is expensive, but it is becoming more and more of a necessity, and looked at in the right light, no necessity costs too much if it is had at the lowest possible price. No man can afford to have his house or his business destroyed by fire, and the only certain way to prevent it is to have a house that cannot burn. Buildings of this character are constructed by the Akron Fire-Proof Construction Company, which is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the state, and which is prepared to furnish every detail of the most modern fire-proof building. When a full fire-proof building is not desired, a fire-proof floor will always be of great advantage, and these are laid by the company of the best materials and in the most approved manner. The Akron Fire-Proof Construction Company has recently completed entire the Campania Flat, the Amelia Flat, Park street; the Baker & Company Flat, South High street; the Diamond Brick plant, Barberton, O.; The Barberton Pottery Plant, at Barberton, O.; the Akron Laundry Company's building, and the Akron Pure Milk Company's building. Fire-proof floors have been laid for the Hamilton building, Akron City Hospital, the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, the Webster, Camp and Lane



L. W. CAMP CO.'S PLANT, MANUFACTURERS OF FIRE PROOF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Company, Y. M. C. A. building, the Ohio Oil Cloth Company, at Youngstown, O.; the American Hard Rubber Company and the First National Bank, Faultless Rubber Company's addition, and others. The high quality of this work is apparent to every person who knows anything whatever about fire-proof construction of the best quality and all of it has won great praise. Estimates on any kind of fire-proof construction and materials are cheerfully furnished and correspondence is solicited. The work done and materials furnished by the Akron Fire-Proof Construction Company meets the approval of all the best architects, and it is frequently specified by them as the best, where the best is wanted and nothing else will answer. The business of the company is constantly increasing and new territory is constantly being covered. The offices of the company are at 285 Park street, and may be reached by both telephones No. 916, and both long distance phones. The officers of the company are as follows: H. B. Camp, president; H. H. Camp, vice president; R. E. Armstrong, secretary; L. W. Camp, treasurer and general manager. Their plant and yards are located on Miller avenue and Grant streets.

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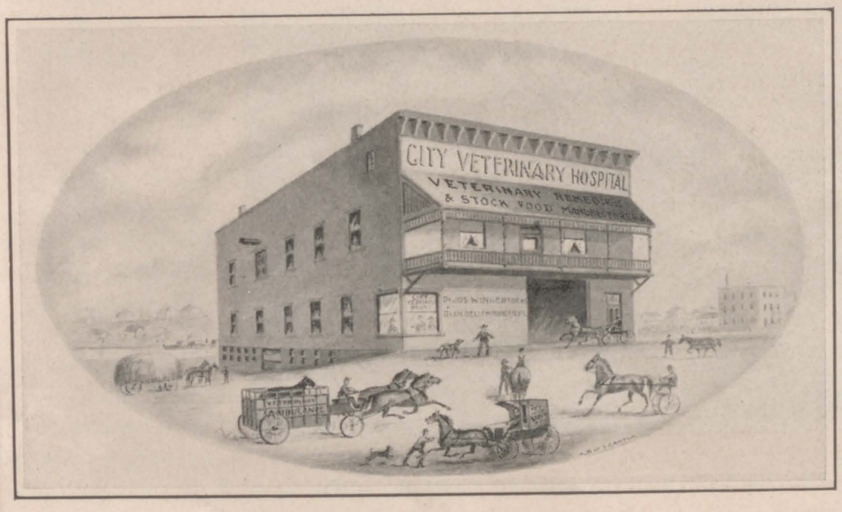
## CITY VETERINARY HOSPITAL.

The veterinary surgeon has long been recognized as a professional man; and he is to be found in all parts of the civilized world. He secures his professional education at a regular institution of learning and receives his degree just as do the members of other professions. His success afterward depends on his skill and knowledge and his devotion to his calling.




CITY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

He is of incalculable benefit, his services resulting in the amelioration of the sufferings of valuable animals and a saving to owners, which in the aggregate represents an immense sum. It is only, however, when he is supplied with the proper means that the veterinary surgeon is seen at his best, and when his labors accomplish the most. This is when he has at his disposal a veterinary hospital, such as is conducted in Akron by Drs. Wingerter and Dellenberger, which is the most complete institution of its kind in the state and also the largest. Here is to be found every appliance for the treatment of animals, whether they are merely ill or are suffering from disease or accident which make an operation necessary. The patients, if unable to travel, are brought to the hospital in ambulances, which are as well suited to their work as are those for the removal of human patients. Once at the hospital, the animal has every possible convenience and comfort, and may be placed on an operating table especially designed for his needs. The city veterinary hospital was established four years ago, and has been successful from the start. It has accommodations for twenty sick or disabled horses and quarters and kennels for pet stock of all kinds. Drs. Wingerter and Dellenberger are both skilled veterinarians, with diplomas from the best institutions and a successful practice of ten and six years, respectively. They have a high reputation as specialists, and have handled many noted cases with success. Their hospital is centrally located and well lighted and ventilated. In connection they operate a manufactory, where a standard line of veterinary preparations of great value are put up and sold at wholesale and retail. These have a wide reputation and are among the best sellers known to the trade. They also prepare stock food of various kinds of high merit. Their goods are attractively put up and are very popular. The factory is well equipped and splendidly managed, the machinery being operated by electrical power, and having a capacity of five tons of stock food per day.

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## SLATTERY'S LAUNDRY.

Slattery's laundry is not the biggest in the world, but it is one of the the best in the country. Its work is of the highest class, and patrons are given prompt service and a satisfaction in everything that is not always to be had. Mr. Slattery has been connected with laundries for twenty-three years, and knows all about the business. He owns the building in which his laundry is operated, and has a compact and complete plant, first established ten years ago, and since renewed, so that his machinery and equipment is strictly up to date. He employs an adequate force of skilled workers, and it is not possible for any establishment to do better work. He uses distilled water only, which insures the best results, and saves the wear and tear of garments in the ordinary hard water used for laundry purposes. This is an advantage that is appreciated by many people, and which would be appreciated by all if properly understood. Mr. Slattery makes a special price of two cents on collars and four cents on cuffs, and prices on other work are in proportion. Mr. Slattery has had a long residence in Akron, and is known to everybody. His comercial standing is high and he is one of the substantial men of the community.

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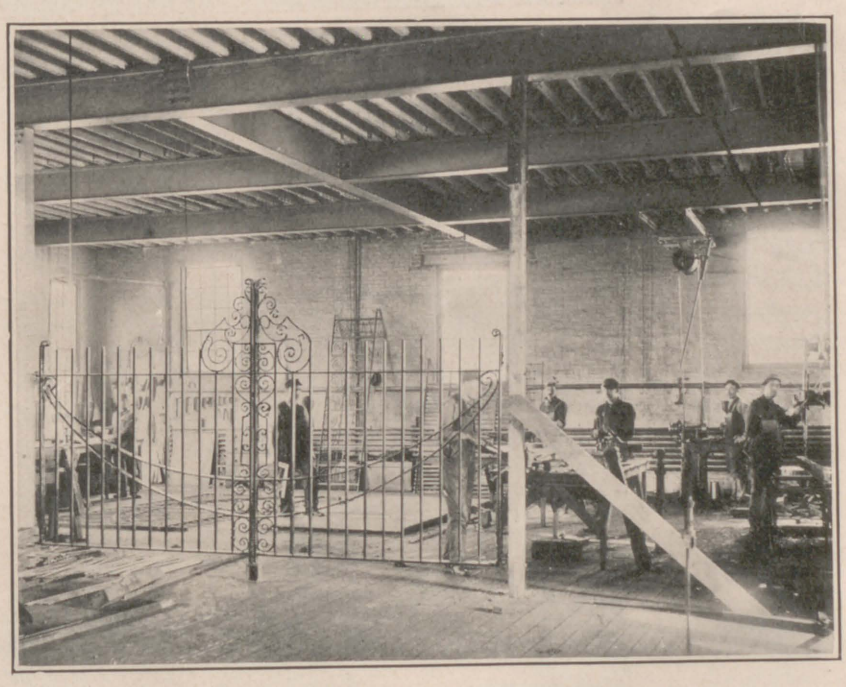
## THE BURGER IRON COMPANY.

The Burger Iron Company was organized in 1897 for the manufacture of wire goods and it has progressed until it is one of the largest and most widely known concerns of the kind in the country. The manufactures in part consist of bank and office railings of fine design and the highest quality, elevator enclosures and cabs, window guards, tool and stock room enclosures, wire signs, grate guards, trellises, garden houses, wire baskets, animal cages, stall partitions, and in fact almost everything that can be made of wire. In addition they contract for all sorts of structural iron work, store fronts, etc., for which they are admirably equipped, and manufacture all sorts of ornamental work from special, stock and furnished designs. The buildings and machinery of the Burger Iron Company are modern in every way, and the plant is kept up to the highest state of efficiency, for upon this depends the character of the work, and upon the latter the reputation of the house, which is the best and is very closely guarded. The plant has direct connection with all roads entering Akron, the works being located on East South street, near the railroad, and with private switches which insure the best shipping facilities. The officers of the company are J. A. Rohnerm, president; A. Kull, vice president, and J. A. Burger, secretary and manager. Mr. Burger is a practical man in every sense of the word, and an excellent business man. He has been largely instrumental in building up the splendid business of the company, and exercises the most scrupulous supervision over every part of the work, his thorough knowledge of the business enabling him to do this with perfect success. The handsome trade catalogues of the company are compiled under his direction, and are models of their kind. He is well known to the trade throughout the country and has a wide personal acquaintance throughout Northern Ohio.



BURGER IRON CO.

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## WALLACE COMPANY.

The Wallace Company, 26 Central Savings and Trust building, are manufacturers' agents for the Densmore typewriters. This announcement is as good as a page of argument to those who know the Densmore, but to those who do not it may be necessary to say that there is no writing machine that embodies so many good points as the Densmore. It is the perfect typewriter, easy to operate, reliable, durable, rapid as thought and durable as it is possible for a typewriter to be made. The Densmore does more than any other typewriter, as has been repeatedly shown in actual competitive tests. It is the best for writing, for manifolding, for billing and for all of the purposes for which a typewriter can be used. It is provided with a back spacer, which is one of the greatest conveniences on a writing ma-

chine. It has a platen release, which is simplicity and perfection combined. It has a "justifier" which makes complicated work as easy as any other, and it has ball bearings—you know what ball bearings will do for anything, and the Densmore ball bearings accomplish wonders. They ought to be on all typewriters, but they are not. They are just on the Densmore, and go to help make it what it is—the best. The Wallace Company also has the agency for the "Kee-Lox" carbons and ribbons, which have no superior, and which are regarded by those who use them as the best on earth. The company also handles the famous Berkshire typewriter paper, which is recognized as the standard, and for the automatic vertical filing cabinets, which are the latest and best inventions in this line. A full line of typewriter and office supplies is kept on hand and sold at the most reasonable prices.

THE ROBINSON CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY—PLANT NUMBER ONE, EAST AKRON, OHIO

## THE ROBINSON CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY.

The Robinson Clay Product Company is one of the largest concerns working in clay in the United States. It has immense works at Akron, O., Canal Dover, O., Midvale, O., and Malvern, O., and the business is managed from the central offices at 1010 East Market street, Akron, O. Western Union and Postal Telegraph lines run into the offices, and special operators are kept for this business alone, which will give some idea of its magnitude. An enumeration of the articles manufactured by the company would fill pages of this work. Among them may be mentioned Standard Akron Sewer Pipe, which is recognized as the best in the world; Double Strength and Culvert pipe, in all diameters up to 36-inch; flue liners, stove pipe, chimney tops, drain tile, building blocks, stone ware, Rockingham ware, high grade fire brick, Akron Silica brick, ground fire clay, paving brick, mill brick, and clay specialties of every kind. The various products are sold to jobbers, contractors and others in all quantities, carload lots being a specialty. The various factories have 160 kilns, many of them 40 feet inside diameter. These works employ 1,500 hands. Orders by mail or telegraph are given prompt attention and catalogues and other printed matter is forwarded on application.

THE ROBINSON CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY—PLANT NUMBER TWO, AKRON, OHIO

## GENERAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. Chas. E. Butler is district agent of the General Accident Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, with offices in No. 34 and 35 Central Office Building, Akron. This company writes personal accident and health insurance and its policies are the best of their kind and are furnished at the smallest cost. The company has a very large number of risks in Akron and vicinity, due to two things, the merits of the company and its policies, and to the exceptionally able manner in which Mr. Butler has introduced the business to the people and pushed it after introduction. Without merit the strongest agent could not force insurance on a discriminating public that demands to know what it is getting, and that what it gets is worth the money, while, in the face of strong competition, the best company would fall behind if it were not properly represented. The company is noted for its prompt settlements. As soon as the agent receives notice he makes his report of settlement, and he has a record to be proud of, not only in the amount of business that he has secured, but in the splendid relations which he sustains with his patrons. Mr. Butler wrote the largest business in the state of Ohio last year for his company, and will make the same record this year. His company made the greatest gains of any health and accident company in the state for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1905. Mr. Butler's territory embraces the whole of Summit county. He also writes regular life insurance. Mr. Butler was born in Stark county, O., and has lived in and near Akron all his life. He is active and energetic and is filled with the proper enthusiasm regarding his business. He is especially proud of the fact that he carried off first honors in Ohio for his company last year and was second in volume of business in the United States.

## THE SALARY DISCOUNT COMPANY.

The Salary Discount company has been established in Akron for nearly four years and has established a splendid reputation. Mr. O. M. Mitchell is now the sole proprietor and manager of the business and gives every part of it his personal attention. The business of the company is confined to the lending of money on salaries, and it has grown to large proportions under Mr. Mitchell's able management, coupled with his modern methods, liberal accommodations and reasonable terms. Persons in need of money find that they can be supplied by the Salary Discount company at the lowest rates, getting the money when they want it and in the strictest of confidence repaying the loan in a way that the borrower scarcely realizes that he is doing so until it is done. Loans are made without publicity and with the utmost promptness, so that the client who needs money can get it when he wants it and not after a long and tedious wait, in which he possibly suffers great inconvenience or worse. The Akron office of the company is located in Suite 124 Hamilton building. The company also has offices in Indianapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati and Cleveland. In each of these cities the business is owned by Messrs. Boyd & Mitchell, while in Akron it is owned solely by Mr. Mitchell, who recently purchased Mr. Boyd's interests. Mr. Mitchell is well and favorably known, socially and commercially, is a 32d Mason, Knight of Pythias and a gentleman in every respect. He has a large clientele composed of some of the best salaried men and women of Akron, who have had occasion to take advantage of the system of the Salary Discount company. These take pleasure in recommending Mr. Mitchell and his company to their friends, and a great deal of his business comes to him in this way. Every one of his clients is his friend during and after their business relations, which shows the character of the house better than anything else.

## THE GREEK-AMERICAN FRUIT COMPANY.

One of the prettiest places in Akron is the confectionery and ice cream department of the Greek-American Fruit Company at the corner of Howard and Market streets. It is handsomely fitted up, the furnishings being elegant, and the walls set with handsome French plate mirrors that attract the attention of every visitor and produce effects which have caused the place to be named "The Maze." The tables are the finest in the city, the service excellent and the goods served the very best that can be made. The class of trade is the best and the volume very large and constantly increasing. Mr. James Nickles, the proprietor, has had long experience in the business, and uses all of his knowledge and skill to the benefit of his customers. He manufactures his own confections, which are without a superior, and are as popular with the trade as the best brands which are made in other cities, a few of the best of which he handles in connection with his own goods. The confectionery, cigar stand, soda fountain and ice cream parlor are on the first floor, while in the basement is a large commission business for the handling of all kinds of fruits and produce, in which there is a very heavy trade. Goods are sold at wholesale and retail and are delivered to the family trade in all parts of the city. Mr. Nickles has the agency for the Viola chocolates, which are extremely popular with those who desire the best and most artistic goods that are made. He also handles other standard brands of chocolates and bonbons to suit every taste and purse. Mr. Nickles is well acquainted locally and in all of the business centers, and his commercial and personal standing is very high. His well known trade mark of the American and Greek flags, with staves crossed is familiar to the people of Akron, and is a sign of excellence in every way.

## GOLDEN HILL LIQUOR COMPANY.

The Golden Hill Liquor Company has been established in Akron a little less than two years, but in that time it has built up a trade that might well be the envy of houses that have been established five times as long. The proprietor, Mr. Maurice Krohngold, began the business with a determination to make it popular and to hold it up to a high standard for the quality of goods handled and the treatment of the trade. The result is that it is the most popular establishment of the kind in Akron. It is centrally located, being a few doors west of the Empire Hotel. The stock is very large and embraces all the best goods in wines, liquors and cordials, and the finest line of cigars and tobacco in the city. Sales are made in all quantities, from half pints, to quarts, half gallons, gallons and in wholesale quantities. The local business is large and constantly growing, and the mail order business is rapidly becoming an important feature, consumers from a distance gradually learning that the Golden Hill Liquor Company is able to supply their demands for the best goods to be had anywhere and at the most reasonble prices. Mr. Krohngold is a popular gentleman, as well as an excellent business man. He knows his trade thoroughly, and exercises fine judgment in its management. His only motto is fair dealing and courteous treatment of all who trade with him. The chance patron becomes his regular customer, and this explains his rapidly growing business. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of several other organizations and has a great many friends in Akron and in fact wherever he is known.

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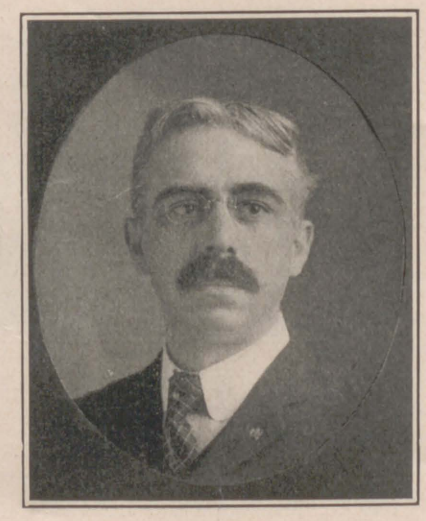

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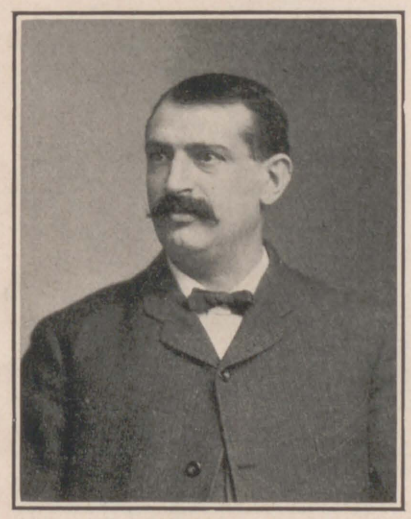

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## STAR PLANING MILL COMPANY.

The Star Planing Mill company, established four years ago and incorporated in 1902, has taken a prominent position among the flourishing business enterprises of Akron. It has demonstrated its worthiness to occupy such a position and its business, as a consequence, is growing and will continue to do so by meriting the confidence of the public, not only by its methods, but by its ability to supply every demand that may be made upon it. Their plant is very complete, embracing all of the latest and best machinery known to the planing mill industry. The mills and yards cover three acres of ground, and the stock of lumber carried is very large at all times, handling a great deal of lumber, which is sold to contractors

STAR PLANING MILL

and others, and besides a large quantity of custom work is done in the mills. They employ about fifty men. Their local business with the building trades is immense, and they ship a great deal of manufactured lumber to many other points, their splendid shipping and manufacturing facilities giving them advantages over mills which the public is not slow to appreciate. They have recently built the H. A. Andrews home, the Oliver Wise home, the Portage Country Club house, an apartment house for S. A. Howell, the N. M. Burke flats and houses, and many others. They also do a very large business in the manufacture of hardwood store fixtures and general interior work, for which they have unsurpassed facilities. Mr. George H. Worron is president and general manager. The other officers are J. W. Worron, vice-president; W. H. Worron, second vice-president; George H. Herbst, treasurer; W. F. Foust, secretary, and E. P. Otis, attorney. All of these are substantial business men, who are a credit to the community in which they live, as is also the establishment which they own and operate.

Mr. Worron, the president and general manager of the company, built the Conger Home illustrated in this issue.



## DR. LEPPA & CO.

There are in every community men who ought to be the pride of their friends and of themselves, who ought to be at the front in business, in

J. J. LEPPA, M. D.

the professions and in social life who are condemned to bring up the rear, to regard themselves and to be regarded as failures, not because they lack capacity or desire or ambition or fitness, but because they lack STRENGTH. Many of these have accepted their condition as a matter of course, beyond the reach of help from any source and have settled down to drag out their miserable existence, thankful if the end should come before it might naturally be expected. These men are to be pitied and they are also to be blamed, pitied for their condition of hopelessness and blamed because they are hopeless, when the means of relief are available merely for the seeking. To such Dr. Leppa & Co., the specialists, say that there is not only hope but certainty of relief from nerve weakness, loss of vigor, spent vitality, enervation or debility from whatever cause. Thousands have been cured and other thousands can be cured by calling on Dr. Leppa & Co. for advice and treatment. Consultation is free in all cases, whether in person or by letter and charges for treatment are very low, so low that no man is justified in going through life a sufferer on account of the expense of getting well. Treatment may be administered almost as well by mail as in person. Thousands have been cured through correspondence. Symptom blanks are furnished to all who ask for them, and by filling these out Dr. Leppa & Co. become as thoroughly acquainted with your case as if you called at their office and they can treat you just as well. If you are a sufferer you are doing yourself and your family and friends a great injustice by delaying to call on or write Dr. Leppa & Co., who can certainly afford you speedy relief and in the end effect a thorough and permanent cure. It will cost you nothing to find out all about your case, and but little to be cured, if you can be cured. Dr. Leppa & Co. will cure you if your case is undertaken.



## THE NATIONAL COAL COMPANY.

The National Coal Company, of Akron, Ohio, owning and operating the "Little Kate" mines located on the Marietta division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Byesville, near Cambridge, Ohio, is one of the largest coal mining corporations in Ohio, they owning 3,000 acres of coal, farms, and an entire village lighted throughout with gas from their own wells, etc.

The mining equipment is the most modern and up-to-date in use, all the coal being mined by electrical machines and hauled by electric motors of 40 horsepower handling trips of 25 cars, thus giving a capacity of over 1,500 tons daily, and necessitating the employment of 400 men.

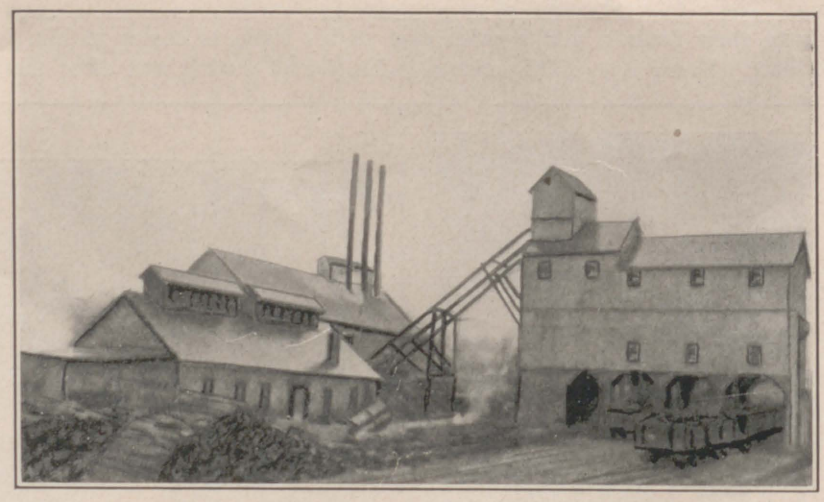
The coal from the "Little Kate" mines is the best steam coal produced in the state, being sold only to jobbers, railroads, traction lines and large manufacturing plants in car load lots and is marketed mainly in Detroit, Toledo, Columbus, Cleveland and Dayton, and other manufacturing centers where it has an excellent and ever growing reputation. Contracts are made for coal in any quantity and special rates are given on large yearly orders.

The Directors of the Company are among the best known business men of Akron.

Mr. Chas. Baird, President of the Company, is a well known corporation lawyer, also being very largely interested in manufacturing, etc.

Mr. O. C. Barber, President of the Diamond Match Company, and Mr. J. K. Robinson, Secretary of the same concern are both well known in the business world.

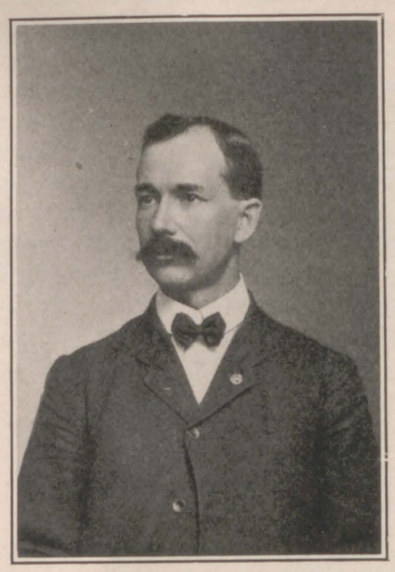
Mr. H. E. Loomis, the Secretary and General Manager of the Company, who is well known among the coal trade, having been in the coal mining business nearly all his life, is also interested in several local manufacturing plants.



PROPERTY OF NATIONAL COAL COMPANY

The head offices of the company are in rooms 612-614 Hamilton Building, Akron, Ohio, and they are represented in nearly all the large cities of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

Owing to the excellent quality of their "Little Kate" coal, the business of the company is rapidly growing and the working force is being constantly increased to keep pace with the demand.



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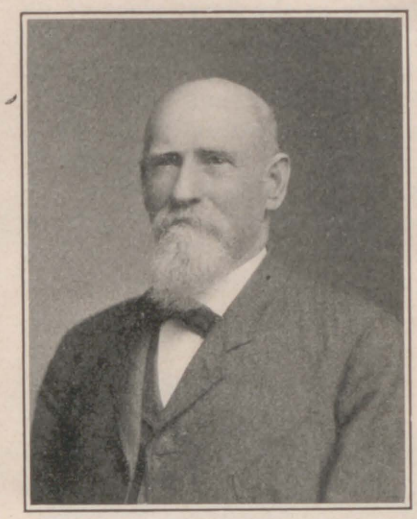

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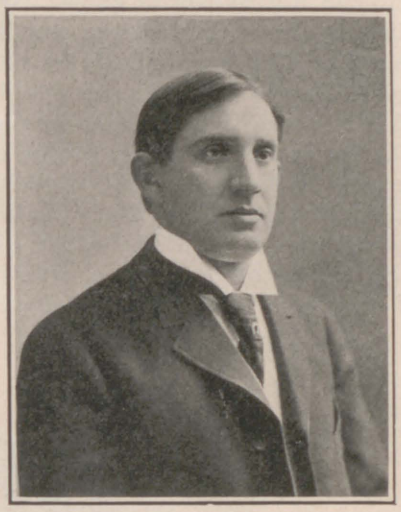

N. M. BERK

## GUS. C. MOSS, TAILOR AND DRAPER.

It is not often that any establishment in what is classed as a small city establishes a national reputation, and one would think that this would be impossible in a tailor shop, but this is exactly what has been done by Mr. Gus C. Moss, tailor and draper, of Akron. The business was established over fifty years ago by H. W. Moss, deceased, the father of the present proprietor. The son was bred to the business and developed a genius for it, which has extended his fame as a cutter and designer to all parts of the country. Many of Cleveland's best citizens call regularly upon Mr. Moss for their outfittings, and the same thing is done by residents of other and larger cities. The best dressers of Akron recognize his supremacy and he enjoys the bulk of the best trade of the city. His work has a distinctive style that marks it as exclusive. Mr. Moss' enviable position in the trade has not been attained without hard work and long and close application, and it is alike creditable to his remarkable talent and an energy and determination that were content to stop at nothing short of pre-eminent success. His establishment is beyond comparison the finest of its kind in Akron. All goods are kept in handsome glass cases, and the fitting and cutting rooms being on the same floor. Mr. Moss does all of his own drafting and cutting and he employs an adequate force of skilled workmen in the making and finishing departments. All of the work is done under his immediate supervision, and perfection is guaranteed in every garment and every part of every garment turned out of the establishment. His customers are confined to the very best class, and there is nothing but the best in material and workmanship to be found in the place. Mr. Moss is a prominent member of the Custom Cutters' Association of America, and is recognized by his fellow-members as an authority on everything connected with the trade. His stock consists of the finest selection of imported cloths of all kinds to be found in the state, much of it being in the form of exclusive patterns for favored customers.

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## W. A. McCLELLAN.

Much of the character of a city is given to it by the men who erect its buildings. If these are properly planned and properly built after they are planned there is a suitability that impresses itself on the beholder, producing the effect of harmony and substantiality, two features that ought always to exist, not only in the building itself, but in its relation to its surroundings. The proper construction of a building can be secured only by entrusting its erection to a man who is capable of getting the best results out of the materials with which he has to work, and the restrictions imposed on him by circumstances. Mr. W. A. McClellan, who is one of Akron's oldest and most widely known contractors, has contributed a great deal to the building character of Akron. He began business in 1871, and for twenty-five years has been in his present location. He has erected a large number of the best buildings in the city, some of those being the Grace Reformed church, the interior of the present city building, fine residences for David E. Hill, George R. Hill, Mrs. E. W. Work, Ozias Barber, and others, besides remodeling the People's Savings Bank, the number "5" Engine House, the B. L. Dodge store and the interior of the Five and Ten Cent store buildings in Akron and Canton, and various others. His work is always done well, and no contractor enjoys a higher degree of public confidence. Mr. McClellan is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is director and treasurer of the Masonic Temple Company, member and treasurer of the Akron Builders Exchange, member and treasurer of the Carpenter's Association, and director of the People's Savings Bank. He employs from ten to twenty-five men. Mr. McClellan was born in Summit county, O., and came to Akron in 1864, since which time he has been actively concerned in all of the best interests of the city.

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## NATHAN M. BERK.

Mr. Nathan M. Berk is one of Akron's best and most widely known citizens, being identified with the financial, commercial and manufacturing interests of the city in a most intimate way. His principal business is that of collateral and real estate loans, and is very large, as he is prepared to lend money in any sums on stocks, bonds, mortgages, notes and chattels of all kinds having a market value. He also buys and sells real estate, and is one of the largest real property owners in the city. He is also president of the Union Loan Company, of Cleveland, and is interested in various financial and manufacturing concerns of Akron. His loan business is not confined to Akron and vicinity, but extends to many other parts of the state. He has been in the business for fifteen years, twelve years of which time he has been in Akron. His rates for the use of money are low and his terms the most liberal consistent with sound principles. He has a very wide acquaintance and is personally very popular, having a host of acquaintances and friends. Mr. Berk is noted as being one of the most heavily insured men in the city, carrying at present $146,000 of insurance on his life. His financial standing is very high, and his business is rated as one of the strongest of the kind in the city or anywhere in Northern Ohio. He is honest in his dealings, careful in his methods, conservative and at the same time accommodating, and altogether a pleasant man with whom to do business.

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## MAY & LEIBY.

The livery business of Messrs. May & Leiby was recently established in Akron, but it has taken a place in the business that would be satisfactory to many a similar concern with years behind it. The firm is composed of Messrs. J. H. May and W. A. Leiby, both practical and experienced livery men. Their stable is not the largest or most pretentious in the city, but it more than makes up in quality what it lacks in outward attractiveness. It is large and roomy, having accommodations for seventy-five head of horses, with especial accommodations for boarding stock. This department now has a number of the best boarding horses in Akron, and the number is being added to each week. The horse owner will find that his animal is given splendid quarters and the very best treatment that it is possible for a horse to have. The peculiarities of each animal is studied and he is fed and cared for according to his needs. With this system it soon becomes apparent to the owner that his horse is in the right hands, and the fact gets to be noticed by others. In this way it is confidently expected that the boarding business will soon grow to the full capacity of the stables. The firm own eleven head of excellent horses, which are used for livery purposes, which are kept constantly busy. Others will be added and in fact are being purchased from time to time as the necessities of the business demand. Livery service is furnished at the lowest rates. The stable has a very large transient trade. A hitching feed is furnished for 10 cents and a full stall feed for 25 cents. These prices are popular and keep the stables well filled at all times with transient animals. Both members of the firm are well known business men. They were formerly in the flour, grain and feed business and have a great many friends, both in business and social life.

## THE RATHSKELLER.

The Rathskeller is known far and wide as the finest place of its kind in Akron and, except possibly in size, has no superior in the country. The interior is 40 by 140 feet, and is finished in magnificent style. The bar fixtures are of dark oak, and as handsome as it is possible to make them by fine carving and the most attractive finishing. The bar is thirty feet in length, and is served by two relays of barkeepers, being open until 12 o'clock midnight. The front is of fine prismatic glass, which lends itself to beautiful effects in lighting, both by day and night. The entire place is covered with tile floors and steel ceiling of the most artistic design, and altogether it is a palace of beauty. The seating capacity is 125, and it is crowded for a great portion of the time. Fine lunches are seerved at the bar daily, and the meals a la carte in the restaurant are the finest in the city in material, preparation and service. The restaurant holds a very high-class of trade, being extensively patronized by ladies, for whose benefit a handsome side entrance with proper service is maintained. The high class of the Rathskeller precludes anything like disorder, and it is one of the most refined places to be found anywhere. At the bar only the finest wines and liquors and the best beers are served. The beer of the Akron Brewing Company is kept on draught, it being demonstrated that there is no better beer brewed in the United States. Messrs. L. P. Dettling and Al Buehrle are proprietors of the Rathskeller, and both are active in its management, looking closely after every detail and seeing that the high character of the place is maintained in the strictest manner. From twelve to fifteen persons are employed in the house, all trained in their respective duties, and no better service can be found anywhere. Altogether the Rathskeller is a credit, not only to the men who conceived and established it four years ago, but to the city in which it is located, and which it has assisted in making famous.

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## E. S. DAY.

The pioneer wholesale liquor house of Akron is that of E. S. Day, 44 East Market street, which was established twenty-six years ago, and which has suffered no change in all that time except a constant growth, which has been based on the excellence of the goods handled, the careful attention of the proprietor to his business and a constant solicitude regarding the interests of his customers. These are scattered all over Northern Ohio, and embrace many of the principal retail liquor dealers, in fact most of them, within a radius of seventy-five miles. The local trade is especially large and the mail order business is also an important feature. Mr. Day is well known to the trade and his reputation as a business man is unsurpassed. His stock is the largest in the city and embraces every thing in his line, including the finest whiskies that are made in the country, choice wines and brandies. His retail department, in which sales are made from a pint upward is an important and popular feature. In this department may be found the best and purest liquors that are sold in the city, a fact that is known to all of the customers of the house. These have no more doubt about the genuineness of the goods they buy of Mr. Day than they have of that of the money they use in paying for them, one being looked upon as being as reliable as the other. Mr. Day enjoys a wide popularity and the esteem of all who know him. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is one of Akron's most useful citizens, being affiliated with various important enterprises.

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## AKRON TENT AND AWNING COMPANY.

The Akron Tent and Awning Company is the largest industry of its kind in the city and is constantly growing. It was established in 1891, and has sustained a steady increase of business every year from the first. The idea of the founders of the concern was to do the best work, out of the best material at the lowest possible price, and these three things have been constantly adhered to, a fact that has made itself known to the large number of constant customers with which the house has been favored, many of them having enlisted at the start and remained with it through all the years. Mr. John T. McBride is the president of the company, and Mr. James McBride is secretary, treasurer and general manager. The special manufactures are tents and awnings, but there is nothing that is made out of canvas which they do not undertake, including binder, thresher, machine, haystack, piano, organ, buggy, floor and all other covers, besides camp stools, cots and other canvas requisites. They buy their material in very large quantities, direct from the mills, employ the best workmen and the latest and most economical machinery, so that it is easy to explain the excellence of their work and the reasonable prices at which it is sold, both in large and small quantities. They also rent tents and tent equipage to camping and other parties, and are able to supply anything that is wanted in this line on the shortest possible notice. The territory covered by the trade is Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Indiana. A specialty is made of supplying tents in this territory for Chautauquas, and each year witnesses an increase in this demand, the handsome styles and perfect adaptability of the Akron tents making them very popular.

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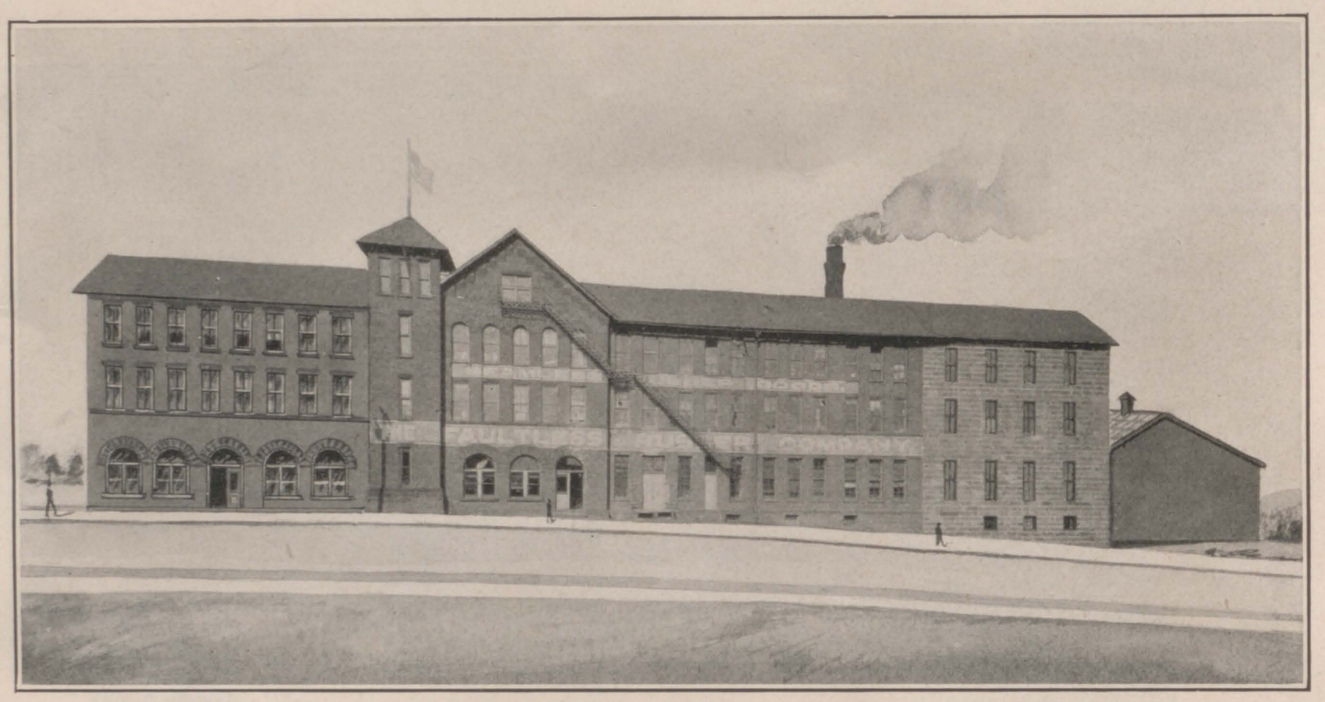
# THE FAULTLESS RUBBER COMPANY

Manufacturers of High Grade Rubber Sundries and Specialties, owning and operating two large factories at Ashland and Akron, Ohio, devoted exclusively to the manufacture of an original and very popular line of Rubber Supplies. By an aggressive and systematic campaign of publicity magazine advertising covering a period of several years, their product has become well known to the consumers in all parts of the country, and by maintaining a high standard of quality, the Company has established an enviable reputation, and stands very high among the Sundry Manufacturers of America.

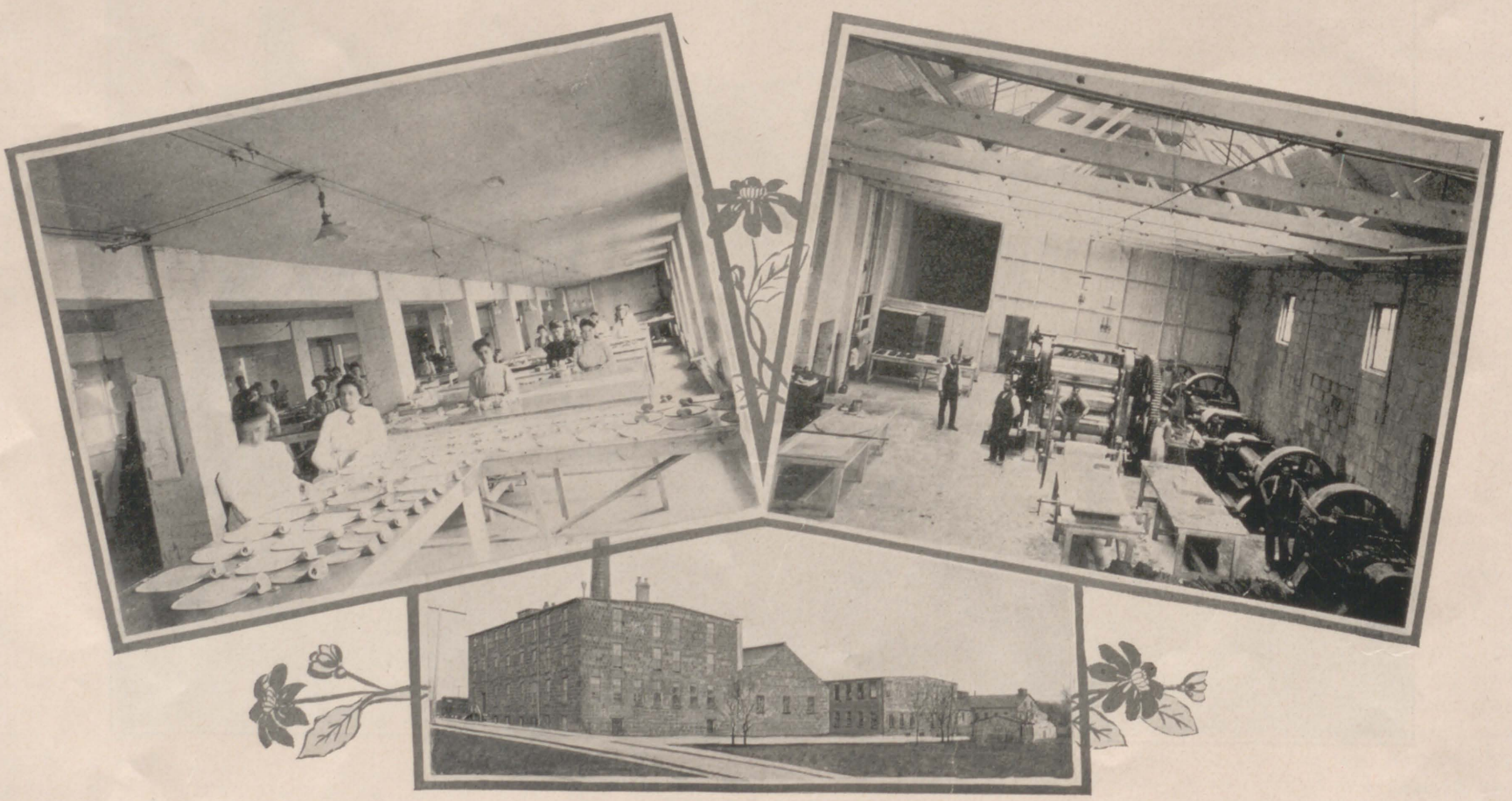
Established in the year 1899, by Messrs. Miller, Slater and Muschlet, who associated themselves with men having a wide experience in the business world, the institution has shown a healthy and steady growth since its inception. Although both plants are in full operation continually, their facilities are wholly inadequate to meet demands made upon them for goods. The Company now has in contemplation, plans for the erection of another large addition to the Akron Plant, which, when completed will double the present capacity.



THE FAULTLESS RUBBER CO.'S PLANT, AKRON, O.

The general offices are located at Akron, Ohio, agencies in the principal cities of the United States and export representation in the leading markets of the civilized world.

Officers: President, Mr. H. B. Camp; Vice-President, Mr. A. Vogt; Secretary, Mr. C. E. Campbell; Treasurer and General Manager, Mr. T. W. Miller.



THE FAULTLESS RUBBER CO.'S PLANT, AT ASHLAND, O.

CHURCHES

First Methodist Episcopal
High Street Temple Reformed Hebrew
First Congregational

Calvary Evangelical
St. Paul's Episcopal
First Baptist

Grace Methodist Episcopal
First Church of Christ (Disciples)
First Universalist

# *The* XXth CENTURY HEATING *and* VENTILATING COMPANY

The XXth Century heater is not an improvement on any heater that ever had an existence before it. It is an invention, a discovery, and inspiration. There is nothing like it under the sun except the productions of unscrupulous manufacturers, who have imitated it as closely as they have dared, but have in that come so far short in merit and design that their efforts are calculated to deceive only the most unwary and unsophisticated. The XXth Century had its beginning in 1894. It was not yet the Twentieth Century, but the XXth Century was so far ahead of everything else that it was properly named. The arrival and progress of the Twentieth Century has brought no rival to XXth Century, and it is reasonably certain that its close will see the situation the same, as the XXth Century is the acme of invention. The growth of the manufacture of the XXth Century heaters has been one of the most remarkable things in this remarkable country. In the first year of its existence only twenty-six were manufactured. Its construction and its principle were such radical departures from accepted ideas that the people were skeptical, and rival manufacturers were certain that it was impractical. The test was made with the first year's output, and from that time forward the growth was by leaps and bounds, until now the company manufacturing this heater is the largest in the United States devoted exclusively to the manufacture of furnaces and heaters, in point of capacity and output, from 15 to 25 furnaces, steam and hot water boilers, being turned out for every working day of the year. As this volume is put to press the new plant of the company is being put in operation. It has a capacity of 10,000 furnaces per year, and it is safe to predict that within two years this capacity will be more than reached. The demand of the XXth Century Heater now exists in every state of the Union and in Canada, and it is fast superseding every other style, on account of its unapproachable features. The fire pot is indeed a wonderful invention. It is so constructed as to bring about perfect combustion, the fuel burning from the outside toward the center, the smoke and gases being consumed absolutely, thus increasing the heating power of the fuel more than 100 per cent, as more than half of the coal or wood of an ordinary furnace escapes into the air as smoke. This results in a great economy of fuel, which, in the course of one or two seasons, will pay for the heater. This proposition can be demonstrated, and is a known fact to every user of the XXth Century. Mr. Clerkin, the founder of the institution, is president and general manager, and gives his whole time and attention to the conduct and development of the business, with which he is familiar in every detail. The other officers are Messrs. John Kerch, vice president; George Maag, treasurer; Ed. Crow, secretary, and P. T. McGuckian, cashier. They have that pride and enthusiasm in their business that comes from merited success, and this spirit pervades the entire establishment, down through the list of employes, of whom there are now over 300.

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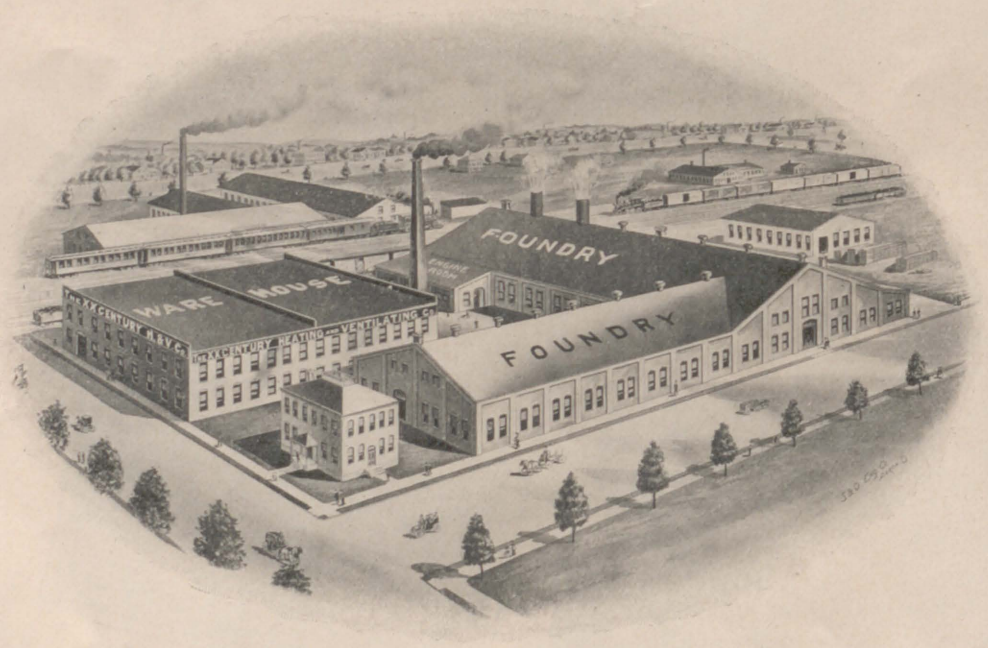


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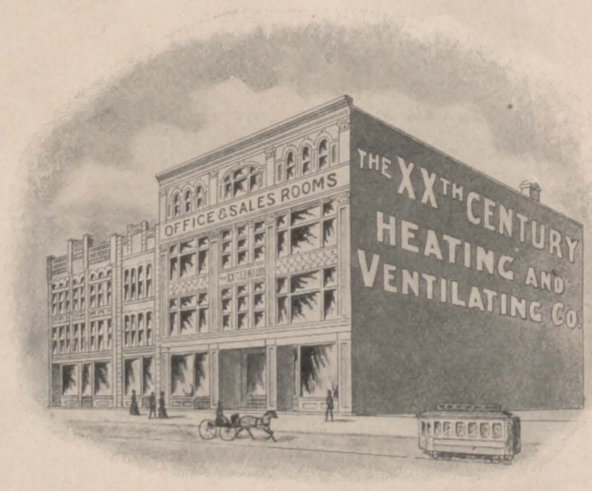



GENERAL OFFICES

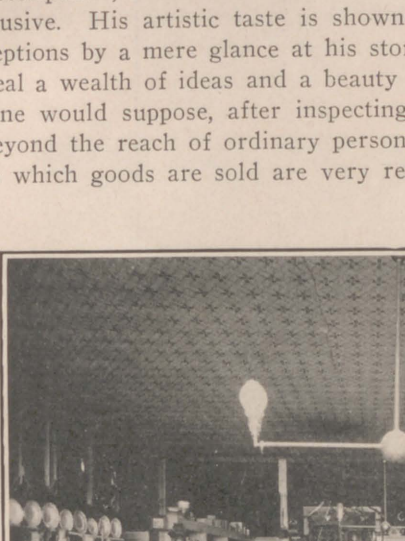
## A. T. KINGSBURY.

The only exclusive art store in Akron is that of A. T. Kingsbury, located at 112 E. Market street, whose establishment is one of the handsomest of its kind to be found in any of the cities of the country, and which is not surpassed in this regard in the largest cities. Mr. Kingsbury has had an experience of over twenty years in the business, and every day of that time has been turned to account. He handles all kinds of novelties and antiques in furniture, fine imported china, art goods of all descriptions, brass novelties and everything that is new, beautiful and exclusive. His artistic taste is shown at once to any one of artistic perceptions by a mere glance at his store, while a careful inspection will reveal a wealth of ideas and a beauty of arrangement that are rare indeed. One would suppose, after inspecting the stock that the prices would be beyond the reach of ordinary persons, but this is not true, as the figures at which goods are sold are very reasonable, and Mr. Kingsbury teaches

A. T. KINGSBURY DISPLAY ROOMS

many, that the good and the beautiful can be combined in an article at as low a cost as is frequently involved in the cheap and ugly. The wall paper or decorating department is always stocked with the latest, best and handsomest goods on the market. New designs are secured as soon as they come out and are applied with the same taste and skill that pervades every other department of the business. Mr. Kingbury's reputation as a decorator is very high. He makes a specialty of interior decoration, and some of the handsomest work of this character in Akron has been designed and done by him.

He does a great deal of interior work outside of his home city, and art pieces are shipped from his store to all parts of the United States. Mr. Kingsbury travels extensively and picks up rare and unusual things wherever he happens to find them. The seven rooms of his establishment are filled with objects that please and interest you. Residents of Akron or visitors to the city miss much if they fail to see this unique establishment.



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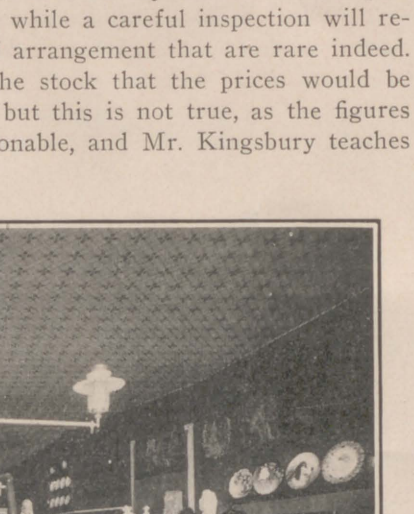
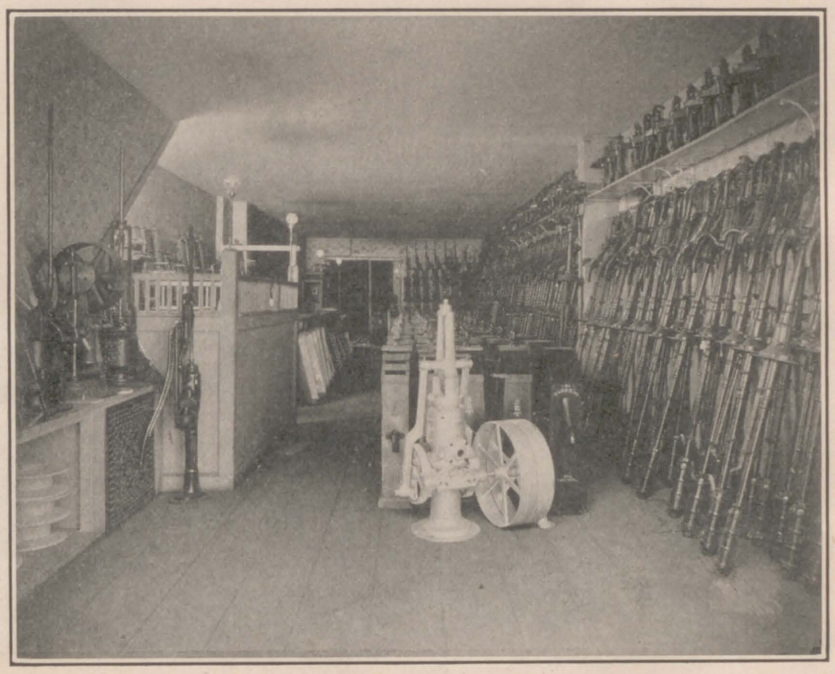


L. B. TOMB
General Manager Akron Printing and Paper Company

## CAHOW PUMP COMPANY.

Few people would think of a store that sells just pumps, but there is such a thing and it has its existence in Akron. The Cahow Pump Company was established in business just a third of a century ago. The founder knew all about pumps in that day, and he knew that if good pumps were sold by a man who knew all about them, and who set them up like he knew how to do it he could build up a good trade. The present proprietor, Mr. D. B. Cahow, succeeded to the business, and he fell heir to the same set of ideas about the conduct of the business, though he knows a great deal more about pumps than his predecessor did, because there is



CAHOW PUMP COMPANY

so much more to be known. There are many more kinds of pumps and there are a great deal better pumps than were made thirty-three years ago. Mr. Cahow handles all of them, and he knows all about all of them. He carries the largest retail stock of pumps in the United States without exception, and has the exclusive sale of all the best ones, especially the Myers pump, which is without an equal on the market. Mr. Cahow has sold and set up many thousands of pumps in all the country around Akron. When he sells a pump it is worth all it costs, and when he sets a pump it is set to stay and to do its work, a fact which has made him the pump man of Akron and of a large part of Northern Ohio. He is prepared to make estimates on any kind of pump that may be wanted, and his prices are always the lowest that can be made.

## C. A. WILLIAMS & CO.

The firm of C. A. Williams & Co. is the oldest in Akron in the banking and brokerage business, and it is one of the strongest in volume of business in Northern Ohio. Private wires are maintained with all the leading commercial and financial centers, and the general facilities for the transaction of business are unsurpassed. Mr. Williams has devoted years to the building up of his business, which he gives his close personal attention, and his success has been gratifying. His offices are located in rooms 24 and 25 of the Central Office building, which is supplied with elevator service and every possible convenience, not only for the transaction of business, but for the convenience and comfort of patrons. These offices are handsomely fitted and furnished, and are not surpassed in elegance by any in the city. Mr. Williams caters to the best trade of the business element of Akron, a large share of which he constantly enjoys. He has also a very considerable transient trade, business men visiting Akron favoring him with many orders. He is prepared to take care of the interests of his trade and to give it every facility known to the banking, brokerage and commission business. In addition to his private telegraph wires he has the People's Long Distance telephone, No. 479, and the Bell 'phone, No. 450, both of which are used in the handling of the business. Mr. Williams enjoys a wide social and business acquaintance and is extremely popular. He is a member of the Elks and other organizations.

GERMAN-AMERICAN MUSIC HALL

## GERMAN-AMERICAN BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The German-American Building and Loan Association was established in 1896, and was consolidated with the Summit County Building and Savings Company January 1, 1903, since which time it has had a substantial growth, with a constant increase in business and assets. It is managed in the most prudent manner, and enjoys the confidence of the entire community, and particularly those who have investigated the character of its loans and the methods employed by its officers and directors. These methods are the most approved in the conduct of such institutions and contribute greatly to its stability and prosperity. Loans are made on real estate only and in such a way that their safety is absolutely assured, and at the same time on terms that make the situation of the borrower easy. The membership is large and growing and embraces many of the best people of Akron and vicinity, both as investors and borrowers. A savings department is conducted in connection with the ordinary building and loan business, and this has proven very popular. Four per cent interest is paid on deposits in this department, and the deposits are absolutely secured, making it the safest possible form of investment on the savings plan. The assets of the association have had a remarkable growth, having gained from $46,325.40 on January 1, 1903, to $166,953.70 on July 1, 1905, when the last statement was made. The officers of the company are: Messrs. Homer A. Hine, president; O. W. Baum, secretary, and Fred A. Boron, treasurer. The board of directors is made up of 15 of the best known citizens of Akron, embracing bankers, capitalists, business men, professional men and others. These look carefully after the business of the association. O. W. Baum, the secretary, is a practical real estate man and is secretary of the Summit Real Estate Company and a member of the McIntosh-Baum Company, a leading insurance and real estate firm.

## CHAS. SCHULER & SON.

The West Hill Marble and Granite Works cannot boast that it is the largest concern of the kind in the state, but it can make good the claim that it is in a position to do as fine work as can be done anywhere in marble and granite, and that it can make prices that will prove intensely interesting to those who are in need of monumental work. The firm has been established in business for thirty years, and has made a reputation that extends far beyond the confines of Akron. The stock of marbles and granites carried is large and embraces everything that can reasonably be desired. The stones used are secured from the best sources, and are of the best quality. The workmen employed in their own shops are possessed of skill and talent in their profession, using all the latest equipment, including pneumatic tools, and the results are always satisfactory to the patrons of the establishment. Messrs. Schuler & Son have done a great deal of the finest work to be seen in the cemeteries of Akron and the surrounding country. A few instances are the Malcolm and Smith monuments in Glendale cemetery; the Steinbacher monument, in Glendale; the Parker monument in St. Vincent cemetery; the Eggeman monument in Glendale; the Zimmermann monument in Mt. Peace cemetery, the Roepke and Andrew Seidel monuments in Mt. Peace cemetery, and many others equally handsome and prominent, but which there is not space to mention. They solicit correspondence and particularly inspection of their work by interested parties, and are always sure that they can not only give satisfaction in design, quality and finish of work, but that they can more than meet any competition that is offered in first-class work. Mr. Chas. Schuler is prominently known, commercially and otherwise. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Knights of the Maccabees.

## THE KRAUS-KIRN COMPANY.

Every citizen should know the importance of good plumbing, and he should also know that the only way to get good plumbing is to get good plumbers. If the house is poorly constructed its defects may be got around or covered up in some way, but if the plumbing is bad it remains to plague and vex and do harm as long as the building stands, for it is a very costly and uncertain job to make good plumbing out of bad—it is a reformation that nobody would care to undertake. The Kraus & Kirn company do good plumbing and they do not do any other kind. If there is not money enough in the job to make it good they do not care to undertake it, on account of their reputation, yet it is surprising how much good work a little money can secure if the work is entrusted to them. They have the best equipped offices, show rooms and work shops of the kind in the city, and their work corresponds fully with their surroundings, everything being the best. Their place of business is centrally located,

and they occupy the entire building, their stock being the most complete in the city, and embracing everything known to the trade. They employ from twenty-five to thirty hands in the busy season, and their force is large all the year round, and is composed of expert workmen only. They make a specialty of public and private work, and they have handled some of the best and most important contracts of recent years. Both men have been in the business for many years. Mr. Kirn looks after the office, while Mr. Kraus, who is a practical man in every sense, gives the greater portion of his time to the supervision of the work undertaken by the company. He is president and general manager, Mr. J. H. Schun is vice-president, and Mr. W. F. Kirn is secretary and treasurer.

GLOBE STAMP COMPANY'S SHOW ROOMS

## GLOBE STAMP COMPANY.

The progressive business man realizes the great benefit to be derived in many ways from the use of trading stamps. When issued by a reliable concern they prove to be great stimulators of trade, place the business on a cash basis and give the cash customer the advantage that ought to be his —the worth of his money in goods he buys and a discount for his ready money, instead of forcing him to pay not only his own bills but those of delinquents who buy on credit. The shrewd buyer sees the advantage without being shown. He is posted as to values, and he knows that the house that sells for cash sells cheaper than the credit store. He reaps a benefit of the system in this alone, and when he gets trading stamps of the value of those issued by the Globe Stamp company, he is repaid for his cash trade by a discount that represents a large saving to the average family in the course of the year. The Globe Stamps are given by a large number of the best houses in Akron in every line. The home office of the Globe Stamp company is at Pittsburg, and it has branches in all important places. That at Akron has been established five years, and under the able management of Mr. E. J. Volz has become one of the most popular institutions in the city. The Globe Stamp store is located at 196 South Main street, in the XXth Century block, which carries a large and beautiful line of premiums of real value, including fine furniture, bric-a-brac, chairs, silverware, china, pictures, ornaments, decorations, jewelry, etc., all free to the holders of Globe stamps. The company issues stamp books through the large list of merchants in Akron, Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls, who are among its clients. This list is larger by far than that of any other similar concern, and every name in it represents a firm that is at the head of the procession. The Globe Stamps are blue—never any other color. They please the people and the merchants, which explains their popularity.

## BETZLER & WILSON.

When, according to the dramatist, Cardinal Richelieu declared that "The pen is mightier than the sword," he must have had a vision of the fountain pen as manufactured by Betzler & Wilson, because certainly he could not have used the comparison in favor of anything but the best pen that has ever been made. The Betzler & Wilson factory was started in 1891, and the first pens that were made were the best that were known to the trade in that day. Since that time the improvements have been many and important, so that the high character with which they started has been more than maintained. The output is now more than 1,000 gross annually, and notwithstanding the fact that other manufacturers find that the rapidly extending use of the typewriter plays havoc with sales, the Betzler & Wilson pens feel no diminution of the demand on this account, their merits holding them up in spite of everything. The factory turns out over 100 different styles and numbers, and pens are made to suit every requirement of the trade and are shipped all over the world. The designs are especially neat and artistic and compare favorably with the handsomest pens on the market. The plant is one of the best and most modern in the United States and it is constantly being improved, new machinery and appliances being added as uses for them come into play, and every effort is made to keep at the head of the front rank in the manufacture of fountain pens. A large force of skilled workmen is employed, and it is an interesting sight to watch them as they deftly manipulate the delicate machinery and perform the equally delicate manual operations by which the pens are made and finished ready for the writers' use. A number of traveling representatives are kept on the road, and an extensive mail order business is done besides. The pens are sold in large quantities to dealers and thousands of orders are received from individuals annually, the most of these coming from isolated points where they are not to be had from dealers.

## WALTER L. SACKMANN.

One of the most complete establishments in Akron is the general machine, steel stamp and stencil shop owned and operated by Mr. Walter L. Sackmann, at the corner of Cherry and Canal streets. It has been built up by Mr. Sackmann, who is himself a master mechanic, until it is able to meet all of the requirements of the trade. In addition to all kinds of machine work, for which the shop has every facility, and which is turned out in every variety and on contracts or orders of any size, the shop is prepared to do all kinds of punch press work, blanking and forming dies, making special machinery of any kind or pattern and molds for any character of rubber work. A large part of the work done consists of the manufacture of steel stamps, stencils, seals, badges, brass and aluminum checks for all purposes and steel letters and figures. It is the only shop in Akron manufacturing steel stamps and stencils, and this work is done in a manner that is not surpassed anywhere and at the lowest possible prices. Mr. Sackmann makes it a point that all of his work shall be of the highest class. To do this he has filled his shops with the very best and latest machinery, he employs skilled workmen of the highest class and gives every department his close personal supervision. It is not surprising, all of these things considered, that his establishment has a fine reputation, and that it is kept busy at all seasons in the various departments. Mr. Sackmann is the owner of the patents embraced in the Barnhart chair, which he manufactures for the trade. It is made of steel throughout, with the exception of the canvas seat, and is an ideal lawn or porch seat, and for the use of invalids or convalescents furnishes more pleasure and comforts than any other chair made. It will support a weight of 1,000 pounds, and is built to stand all sorts of hard usage. The entire business is in a most healthy condition, good at all times and growing with a rapidity that must be pleasing to the pushing and energetic proprietor.

## KABLE'S 3-CENT RESTAURANT AND LUNCH ROOM.

Kable's 3-Cent Restaurant and Lunch Room is one of the most popular places in Akron. There are several things that conspire it make it so. The popular prices are the first thing. These are the lowest that it is possible to make, and are lower than those of any similar place in the city. The service is prompt and good and in fact is better than in many high-priced establishments. The meals and lunches are first-class in every way, and in fact there is nothing cheap about the place except the prices. It is open day and night and tables are maintained for ladies and gentle-

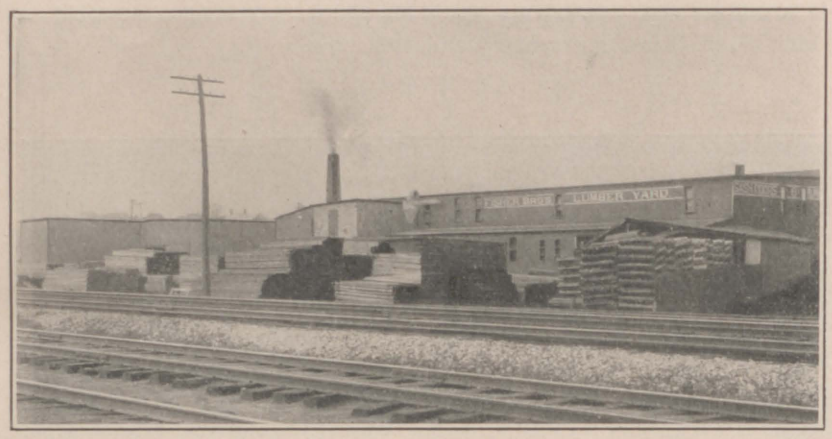
W. L. SACKMANN

W. E. WILSON

men. The location is excellent, 91 South Howard street being in the heart of the business district, and it is therefore patronized by large numbers of business men who find it satisfactory in every way. Mr. D. M. Kable, one of the most accomplished restaurateurs in the state, is proprietor, and Mr. W. C. Miller is manager. He spares no pains in meeting the wants of the guests of the place and looks after every department with extreme care. A specialty is made of catering, and this department of the business is so managed that it is as popular as the other features, which is saying a great deal. The 3-Cent Restaurant and Lunch Room is one of the features of Akron and is known to every citizen. It has a large and constantly growing transient trade and is altogether a conspicuous success, which, from the high character of the entertainment furnished, it fully deserves to be. W. C. Miller, manager.

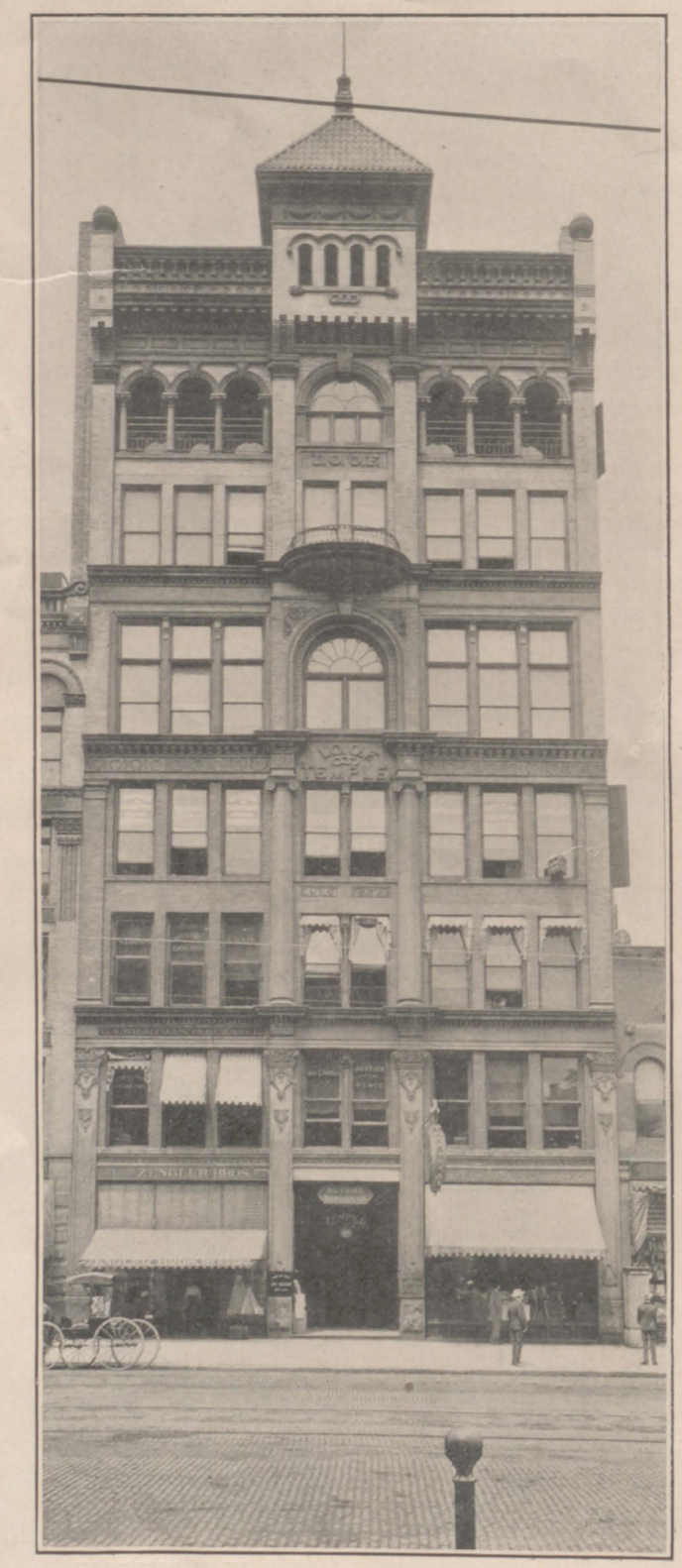
## FISHER BROS.

An important factor in the upbuilding of a city is the establishment which furnishes the material with which the work is done. This establishment must have facilities capable of meeting any demand that is made upon it for quantity and quality of material, and it must at all times be ready to answer any call that is made upon it. Such an establishment is that of Fisher Bros., lumber dealers and planing mill men. This firm is composed of Messrs. John T. and Philip Fisher and Wm. J. Jordan, and was established almost four years ago, though the members have been identified with the lumber business for many years. They are perfectly posted in every part of it, and are prepared to serve the needs of the public in the most perfect way. They have one of the largest stocks of all kinds of lumber in Akron, their yards covering more than an acre of ground, piled high with all kinds of lumber, from the cheapest rough stuff to the finest hardwood destined for luxurious interior finishing. Their mills are the largest and best in this section of the state. Their work includes



FISHER BRO.'S PLANT

the finest grades of finishing lumber for homes and public buildings, store fixtures, fine stairways, etc., as well as the commoner kinds used in all sorts of building operations. Fisher Bros. did the interior work on the interior of the parsonage of the German Reformed church, which is very handsome, and the entire exterior and interior of W. W. Patton's new home, and many others of the best recent buildings in Akron. They employ experienced help, and turn out only the very best work. Their large purchases of lumber in the leading markets enable them to meet all competition, and they are prepared to make estimates and bids on contracts of any kind or size.

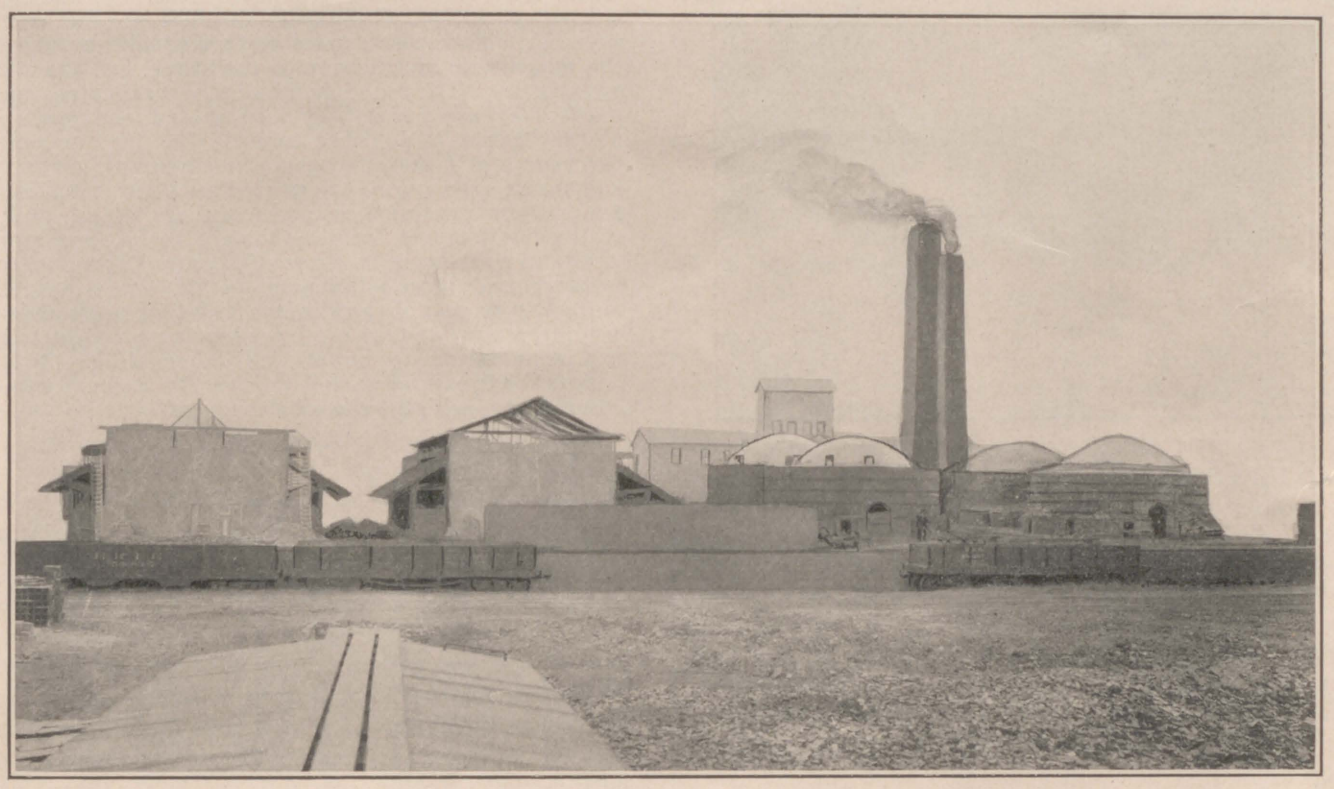



ODD FELLOW'S TEMPLE

MAY & FIEBEGER

## THE WINDSOR BRICK COMPANY.

The Windsor Brick Company has been established for ten years and in that time has established a reputation for superior brick products over a wide range of territory. They operate six large kilns, with a capacity of 50,000 brick per day, which makes the Windsor Brick Company the largest of its kind in Akron or vicinity. The plant and yards cover eighteen acres and in the brickmaking season upwards of thirty men are employed. The company has the finest bed of shale clay in the country. The Akron Re-

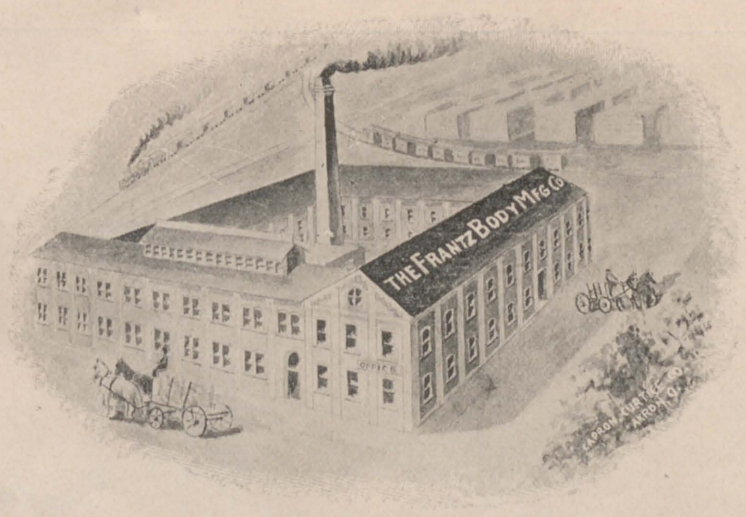


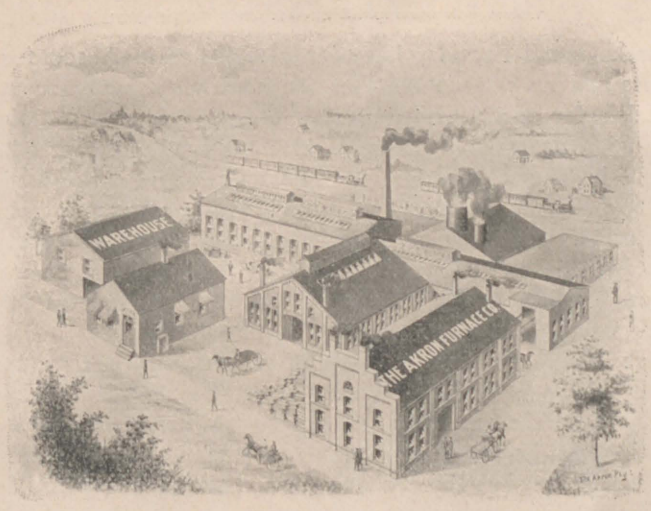
THE WINDSOR BRICK COMPANY'S PLANT

press Granite Block has a national reputation as a paving brick. It is as hard as granite and has a toughness that is not approached by any other brick, making it the most durable under heavy traffic of any brick known. They have been subjected to the severest possible tests, both professional and in active use, and have stood them all. These blocks cover many miles of Akron streets and have given absolute satisfaction. The company also makes the celebrated Shale Building Brick, which is an extra hard brick, and is the best for all building purposes. It never disintegrates under any influence whatever, and will stand for ages. It has been used in many of the finest and most substantial public and private buildings in Akron and vicinity and is acknowledged to be the best brick made. The company takes building contracts of all kinds, having made and laid the first brick ever put down in Barberton and practically built the place, erecting the Diamond Match Company's building, and Machine Shops, Power House, Carrara Paint Company's plant, the National Sewer Pipe building, the National Hotel, Tracy block, Moore and St. John block and many others, the Diamond Match Company's building in Liverpool, England, City Hospital, Akron, and a number of other buildings in the large cities. The officers of the company are Wm. Windsor, Jr., president and general manager, and J. T. Windsor, secretary and treasurer. The offices and works of the company are situated at the corner of Grant and Morgan streets.

## THE FRANTZ BODY MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The perfection to which a specialty can be carried is exemplified in the case of the Frantz Body Manufacturing company. This concern was established eight years ago and was reorganized and incorporated three years ago. Its business has grown with a rapidity that indicates merit of a high order in the product and ability of the first class in its management. The former speaks for itself in the popularity which it has attained and the latter is exemplified in the person of Mr. A. C. Loomis, the general manager. who is thoroughly practical in every department, manufacturing and executive and who gives the business his undivided attention. The company manufactures every kind of body for every kind of vehicle and automobile and a full line of stick and fancy spindle seats of every description. The line of designs is larger than that possessed by any other factory in the country and is being added to constantly by the company's expert men in this department. In addition a great deal of work is done in special designs offered by the trade. These designs are the exclusive property of the concerns furnishing them and are never imitated or copied in other work. This is an advantage which is recognized by the trade and enables all customers to maintain exclusive styles and designs when they care to do so. Business is done with all of the leading automobile and carriage manufacturers of the country and is increasing at such a rate that the early part of the coming season will see the already large factory doubled in size. The factory is the most com-




plete in its equipment in the state, and therefore in the country, Ohio having a leading position in this as in other industries. The machinery is all of the latest designs and the force of workmen is large and constantly increasing by the employment of skilled labor of the highest class. The officers of the company are Messrs. J. T. Diehm, President; Aug. C. Miller, Vice-President; L. R. May, Secretary and Treasurer, and A. C. Loomis, General Manager.

## FRANKFORT HOTEL.

Mr. F. J. Knapp, the proprietor of the Frankfort House, 85 East Market street, Akron, has solved a problem that few have been able to master and that is the running of a good hotel at a really moderate price. That Mr. Knapp has done this is proven by the fact that it has recently become necessary to build a large three-story addition, by which the capacity of the house has been doubled. The Frankfort House is the most popular moderate priced hotel in the city or in fact in this section of the state. It has recently been renovated throughout, the old part of the building being made practically as new as that which has just been put up. The table is good and plentifully supplied, the bill of fare being far superior to what one usually encounters in the so-called popular-priced hotel. The rooms are large and airy, the beds always clean and well kept, and in fact there is nothing but the price to indicate that the Frankfort House is a $1.50 hotel. That is the price for guests who prefer the American plan. It is also conducted on the European plan, rooms being 50 and 75 cents per day. The house is well lighted with gas and electricity and has all the conveniences of the best hotels. Mr. Knapp gives the business his close personal attention, ably assisted by Mr. J. R. Bohannon, the day clerk, who is very popular with the guests of the house. The Frankfort House has been established for more than forty years, though it has been rebuilt and renewed several times in that time. It has always been a popular and it is more so than ever under the able management of Mr. Knapp. It is frequently the case that every one of its forty-four rooms are filled, the house being especially popular with theatrical people who visit Akron. Traveling men are also frequent guests, many of them giving the Frankfort House preference over more pretentious hostelries.

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## THE EUREKA HAND LAUNDRY.

The Eureka Hand Laundry has been established in Akron for the past fifteen years and no establishment of the kind has a better reputation for all that makes for good laundry work. The proprietor, Mr. John Devlin, is a thoroughly practical man, his equipment is the best, his help is all skillful, and he is posted in all the latest wrinkles in the trade though there are never any wrinkles in his work. His trade is increasing all the time, and each season shows a substantial gain over the previous one. He caters to the best trade, and the best people, who desire fine work, know that they can get it at the Eureka Hand Laundry and go no further. The work is confined to collars and cuffs, shirts and shirtwaists almost exclusively, and devotion to this branch of the business has produced some results that are impossible to be attained in the general laundry, just as the specialist in medicine can frequently produce results that are denied to the general practitioner. Mr. Devlin has just completed the handsome two-story brick building that he now occupies and has added largely of new machinery to his equipment, which enables him to do better work than ever before. He has a fine new delivery wagon, and is in every way prepared to take care of his trade. The name "Eureka Hand Laundry," is not a fancy title. Every particle of the polishing done in the establishment is done to the best advantage, and wherever hand work is needed it is used; this explains the superior quality of the work. Its advantage is that the tastes of every patron can be followed, something that is impossible in "all" machine work, where everything is and has to be done alike.

## GRINER'S ART STORE.

Griner's art store is the resort of Akron people of artistic tastes, to whom it is a sort of exposition of the beautiful and a model of taste and beauty. The business was established in 1900, Mr. Zeno L. Griner being a partner. He bought his partner's interest one and one-half years ago and after becoming sole proprietor largely increased the stock and extended the business until it is the largest of its kind in Akron. The line is new and complete throughout and embraces all varieties of pictures, from lithographic prints of the better sort, water colors, colored gravurers, etc., by distinguished artists, with whose work Mr. Greiner is familiar to the extent of being a connoisseur. The sales rooms are artistically arranged, showing not only the magnitude and beauty of the stock, but the artistic instincts of the proprietor. They are handsomely decorated, and well lighted. At night they are beautifully illuminated and make one of the prettiest places that it is possible to imagine. In the rear of the art store is the repair and manufacturing department, where pictures are framed and much other work connected with the establishment is done. Five expert workmen and salesmen are employed, and they turn out some of the handsomest frames that are to be seen anywhere, including all of the newest designs in mouldings and other materials. The business is large and is constantly growing, the people becoming more and more firmly established in the habit of patronizing a place where art is understood, and where business is so conducted as to be a pleasure and satisfaction to buyer and seller alike. Mr. Griner has a large personal acquaintance and enjoys the highest standing in the business community, which he well deserves.

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## G. E. RICH.

Any man, provided with the tools and sense enough to wield a hammer might put a shoe on a horse, but if it were done by a man with just skill enough to do that and no more it would be a bad thing for the horse and no credit to the man. There are men who make a business of shoeing horses who are entitled to little or no more credit than such a man. They have the tools and they have seen the work done and have done it themselves until they can do it after a fashion which passes with those who do not know any better. The proper shoeing of a horse demands not only mechanical skill sufficiently to do the actual work properly, but an actual scientific knowledge of the structure of the horse's foot, something that is possessed by comparatively few men. The foot of this noble animal has as many peculiarities as that of the human being. You would not think of buying a shoe for yourself that was not suited to your foot, that would make you miserable as long as it lasted, possibly causing pain with every step, and yet this is what you do when you have an improper shoe put on your horse's foot, or the proper shoe put there by a man who does not know how to do it as it should be done. The best in horse-shoeing is none too good for the faithful animal who does your work or draws your family or contributes to your pleasure. The best horse-shoeing is done by G. E. Rich at his shop at 239 South Main street. His shop is the most perfectly equipped in the city, and his skill and knowledge are not surpassed anywhere. He employs only the best workmen, and every job of shoeing that leaves his shop is done to his satisfaction, and consequently to yours, for he is never satisfied until he has more than satisfied his customers. If you are a customer you do not need to be told anything about it. If you are not you should give him a trial. He will call for and deliver your horse and you will be better satisfied than you have ever been with a job of shoeing in your life.

CEREAL MILL

## NICKLES BROTHERS.

Mr. P. J. Nickles is proprietor of the business which is conducted under the firm name of Nickles Bros., for the manufacture of ice cream, fine candies and confections, peanut roasting, etc. The business is carried on at wholesale and retail, the former covering the territory within 100 miles of Akron and the latter catering to the best trade of the city and vicinity. The establishment is one of the most complete in the state. It is centrally located at No. 62 South Howard street, and is equipped in the most modern style. The ice cream department has a capacity of 250 gallons of ice cream per day, and the product is the most popular in the city. It is made with extreme care, from the very best materials and it is impossible for finer cream to be made with the knowledge of the art as it at present exists—and who that loves good ice cream will not say that it is perfection? Mr. Nickles has the handsomest cream parlors and confectionery store in the city, and takes great pride in it. The parlors are handsomely furnished and are constantly visited by the best people of the city, with whom they are very popular. Mr. Nickles manufactures all of his own chocolates. This insures their freshness and high quality, as his goods will compare favorably with those of the most celebrated manufacturers. His stock of candies and confection is complete and embraces everything that can be wanted. The fine soda fountain is very popular and serves the best drinks in the city. Mr. Nickles makes his own pure crushed fruit for use in his fountain and these are the most popular in the city. In the basement of the handsome three-story building occupied by Mr. Nickles is a large storage room for the maturing of tropical and other fruits, of which a large stock is kept on hand at all times. The power for the ice cream freezer, ice crusher and peanut roasters is furnished by electric motors. All in all the establishment is one of the most complete to be found anywhere and its popularity and success are easily understood.

## JOHN BACKE.

One of the most popular places in Akron is John Backe's cafe. The house has been established eighteen years and has always been popular. Mr. Backe has owned and conducted it for the past six years and in that time its popularity and consequently its trade has been very greatly increased. Mr. Backe was employed for several years by the man whom he succeeded and was well known to the trade from the beginning of his career after setting up for himself. It may be said that he has grown up with the business in which he is now engaged and he is one of the most proficient in his line in the city. His establishment is up to date in every particular, being handsomely fitted and well conducted. He caters to the best trade and has a very large share of it, being patronized by the business and professional element. He has a large circle of friends among all classes of people and these are added to every day by his fine qualities and genial manners. His bar is supplied with the best of everything. The Akron Brewing company's beer is kept on draught, and he handles all of the standard brands of bottled beer. He keeps the finest brands of whisky and there is no similar place in the city which offers a larger selection in this line, including all of the best known and most popular rye and bourbon whiskies. He keeps nothing but high grade goods, whether in bulk or bottles. He has a large line of bottled goods, including the best of bottled in bond goods. His customers are always treated with the courtesy that is due them and every one of them is his friend, the good will of his business being a splendid asset. He is a member of several local social organizations. Mr. Backe is stockholder in and identified with various other interests in this city and is a useful citizen.

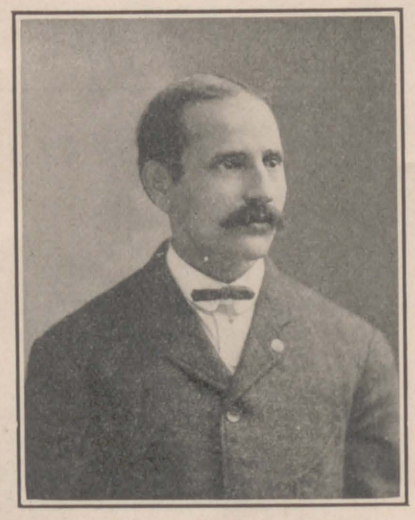
## THE LIMBERT-SMITH PLUMBING COMPANY.

The Limbert-Smith Plumbing Company although one of the newer establishments, rank among Akron's leading plumbers. By adhering strictly to first class work they have won for themselves an enviable reputation as competent workmen, putting the joker out of business with reasonable prices. All work is under the personal supervision of Mr. H. W. Limbert, the vice president and general manager, who has the experience of years of practical training to rely upon. Mr. B. G. Smith, the secretary and treasurer, has charge of the business of the firm, while Mr. J. D. Slater, the president, devotes but very little time to its affairs, having other large interests that require the greater part of his time and attention. This firm has made a specialty of fine residence work and have installed some of the finest plumbing to be seen in the city. With the assistance of an expert corps of mechanics they are especially prepared to handle this class of work, and have a well deserved reputation of being able to install all classes of work at a minimum cost to the owner without the sacrifice of either the durability or the working qualities of the job. Not to be overlooked is the large business transacted in steam and hot water fitting. This class of work is closely allied with the plumbing business, but requires special knowledge and trained workmen for installing systems that will insure good heating qualities. The firm have been very successful with all of their heating contracts. The Limbert-Smith Plumbing Company are well equipped for carrying on a general plumbing business—sanitary plumbing, steam and hot water heating—and are in a position to fulfill any contract however large or small. While their work is of the best at all times, their prices are always reasonable and consistent with good workmanship.

## EDMUND GLANTZ.

Of all the methods of illustration by means of pictures the art of wood engraving is the oldest, as it is incomparably the best where perfect results are desired. The art is older than printing, and when movable types were invented engraving on wood had reached a considerable degree of perfection. Within the next century it had taken great strides and some of the greatest masters of the illustrative art were wood engravers, their pictures possessing a wonderful beauty and fidelity. What was true then is true to-day, and the artist on wood is entitled to a high place among his brethren of other methods of conveying the pictured impression to the eye. Mr. Edmund Glantz is a wood engraver with a national reputation. He is indeed an artist, his work occupying a place with the best in the country. He has been located in Akron for the past nine years, and for seven years before that time was connected with one of the largest and most successful engraving houses in the country as one of its most expert workmen. He makes a specialty of fine engraving. His reproductions of fine machinery and artistic views attract attention wherever they are seen and proclaim Mr. Glantz as a master of his profession. He is prepared to execute any kind of work in his line, from the single engraving to the largest order, and guarantees perfect satisfaction.

JOHN BACKE
Proprietor Backe's Cafe



P. J. NICKLES
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H. W. LIMBERT
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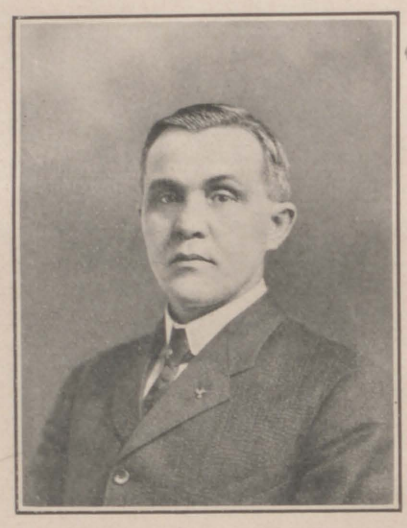

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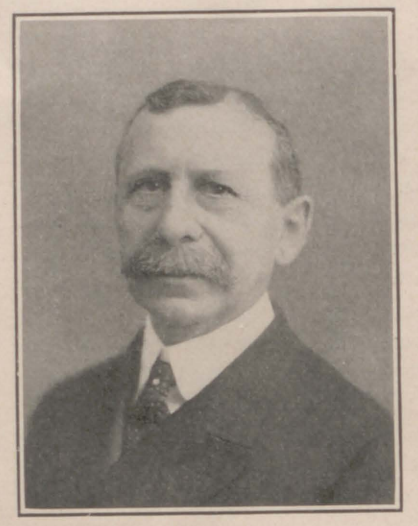

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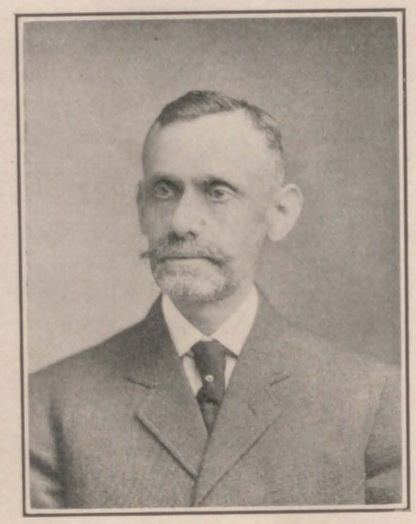


LOUIS LOEB
of J. Koch & Company

## THE McINTOSH-BAUM COMPANY.

The McIntosh-Baum Company, 148 South Howard street, is one of the leading insurance, real estate and loan firms in Akron, and their business is growing at a rate that promises soon to put them in the front rank. The firm is composed of Messrs. W. W. McIntosh, president; M. W. Frank Bowers, secretary, and O. W. Baum, treasurer. The firm has been established for the past six years and has been under the present organization since last September. The insurance business is the leading feature of the firm, and it is in this department that the best efforts of the members of the firm are centered. They represent a large number of the best companies, among which are the German National, of Chicago; the Commerce Insurance Company, of Albany, N. Y.; The Security, of New Haven, Conn.; The Michigan Commercial, of Lansing, Mich.; the American Fire Insurance Company, of Philadelphia; the North German, of New York; the Eureka, of Cincinnati; the Central Manufacturers', The Ohio Mutual, The Knox, of Mt. Vernon; The Mansfield, The Merchants and Manufacturers, The Fire Underwriters, of Springfield, and others. The life company represented is the old reliable Berkshire, of Massachusetts, a company which has stood the test, and which writes the most liberal policies. Bonds and similar liabilities are covered by the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Baltimore. Accident, Health, Employers' Liability, Boiler and Plate Glass, The Casualty Company of America. The gentlemen composing the firm are of high standing and their business is conducted on the highest plane. They do a large real estate business and also make loans in any amount on real estate.

## THE HALL-HARTER INSURANCE AGENCY COMPANY.

The Hall-Harter Insurance Agency Company is the oldest and the largest insurance agency in Akron, representing many of the best companies doing business in the U. S.

The agency has been established for more than half a century, although, of course, in so long a lapse of time it has undergone various changes. As it exists at present, it was organized about fourteen years ago and reorganized in 1902, the original being the old Matthews Agency, and later it took over the Hitchcock Agency which at the time did the principal insurance business in the city. It is, therefore, the pioneer agency and has grown with the city from the primitive beginning of more than fifty years ago when it was the exception rather than the rule that buildings or manufactories were insured.

The Company is officered as follows: W. C. Hall, President; D. W. Kaufman, Vice-President; G. L. Harter, Secretary, and F. B. Dodge, Treasurer.

Their offices are in the American Cereal Co.'s new building on the southwest corner of South Howard and West Mill Streets and are well equipped to transact any business entrusted to it.

The interest of patrons is constantly looked after in every possible way, and the most careful attention is bestowed on each department of the business so that customers may feel safe under any and every emergency.

None but perfectly reliable and approved companies are represented in the different branches transacted by them, as the list hereon will show. Some of the fire companies in which risks are written are the Alliance, American Central, Detroit, Equitable, Fire Association, Insurance Co. of North America, Liverpool & London & Globe, North British & Mercantile, Phœnix of Hartford, Phœnix of England, Providence, Washington, St. Paul, Springfield, Star, Sun, United Firemen's, Union, Westchester and Western Reserve.

The individual accident, life and liability insurance is written in the old reliable Travelers of Hartford, the steam boiler insurance in the Hartford and Fidelity & Casualty, the plate glass insurance in the Fidelity & Casualty and Lloyds of New York, and marine, tornado, bonding and other classes of insurance is placed with leading companies.

The patrons of the office are given their preference from this large list of companies and all business is written with a guarantee of safety.

Settlements made by this agency are always prompt and satisfactory, and many of them without the necessity of regular adjustment with its many delays.

Altogether no more satisfactory insurance agency can be found anywhere, as strict attention to details is personally given by all of the parties interested.

THE HALL-HARTER INSURANCE AGENCY COMPANY

SCENE ON TURKEYFOOT LAKE

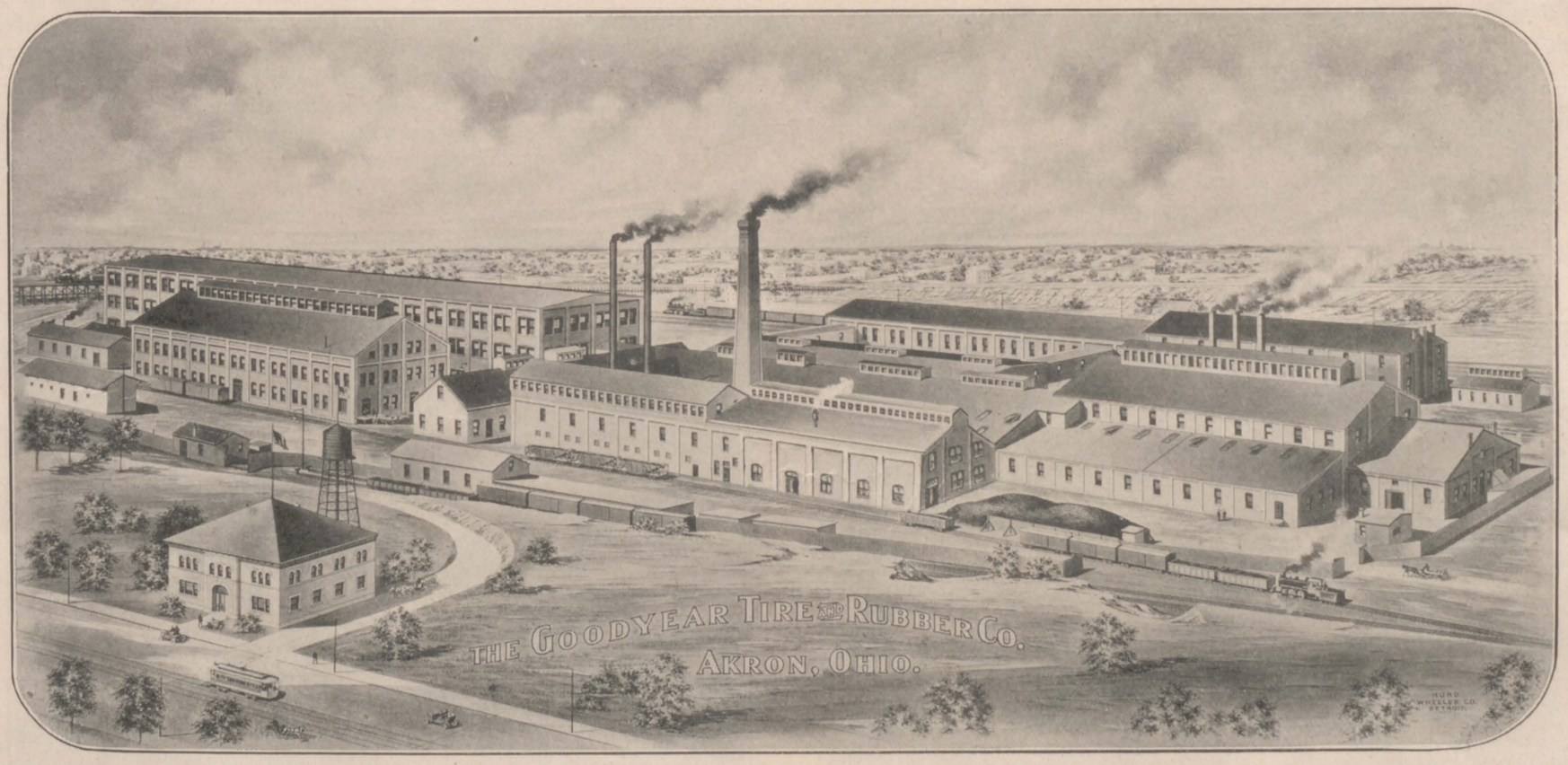
## A. PETERSEN CO.

To Mr. Anton Petersen, a young man of Akron, is due the establishment of an industry that has grown to large proportions, but which has not yet reached its full stature. This is the manufacture of paper boxes specially designed to meet the demands of the manufacturers of rubber goods. After making himself thoroughly familiar with the needs of rubber manufacturers, Mr. Petersen set about supplying those needs. This had been done only partially and that by a number of boxmakers in different parts of the country. This was unsatisfactory because the manufacturer of a large line of rubber goods found it impossible to secure all of his boxes in any one place. Mr. Petersen saw the point and arranged to supply these customers with everything they might need. The rubber men of Akron soon saw that they had exactly what they wanted at their doors, and were not slow to avail themselves of the advantage thus offered them. Other rubber men "caught on," and the Petersen boxes spread in their use all over Northern Ohio and later to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. With the vast number of paper box factories all over the country, this result could not have been maintained if there had not been something in the Petersen boxes, or, rather, if they had not been the best and most attractive boxes to put something in. Mr. Petersen is constantly developing new ideas, and these are quickly seized upon by his patrons, so that nothing that he plans goes to seed. Shown an article, he at once sees intuitively just what ought to be outside of it for protection and attractiveness, and the result is another Petersen box, exactly suited in size, shape and design for its purpose. The business of the A. Petersen Company is growing rapidly and will doubtless continue to do so.

FINISHING DEPARTMFNT OF A. PETERSEN COMPANY PAPER BOX MANUFACTURERS

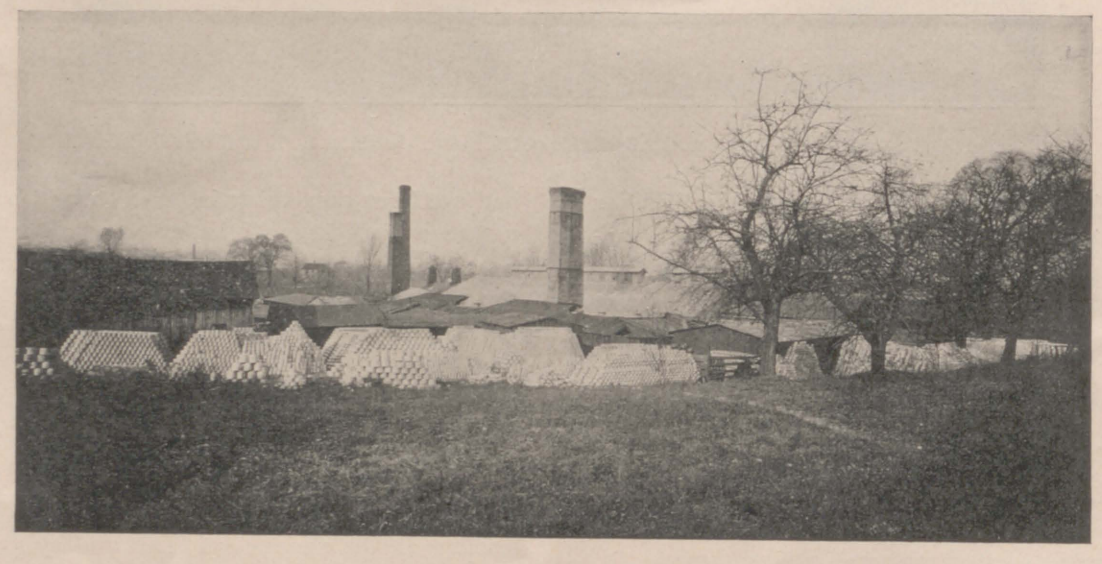
## THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, of Akron, O., is one of the largest manufacturers of rubber tires for automobiles, carriages and other vehicles in the world, and its tires are without an equal in the points of durability and perfection of action in use. The company was incorporated in 1898, and from the first embodied in its work all that was best and most advanced in the construction of rubber tires. Seven years ago the industry was in its infancy, so far as the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company was concerned, the progress that has been made since that time being remarkable. The ground area of the plant owned by the company is 12 acres, the floor area 5½ acres, the power plant has 2,000 horse power, and over 850 employes are busy all the year in turning out the various articles manufactured of rubber by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company. The Goodyear Auto tires and universal rim have proved a boon to the manufacturers of automobiles, and more especially to their users. They are the best and most durable tires known and in case of accident, repairs can be made with no tools but the two hands. This tire is more durable and will stand harder service than the most rigid "armor-plate tire," and it is as resilient as the lightest pneumatic tire. It is a pneumatic tire constructed and appiled on correct principles, built of the best materials, combined in the best manner and is the only perfect tire. Its users are enthusiastic over it, and many of the hundreds of testimonials on file in the office of the company would seem extravagantly exaggerated to the manufacturer of any other tire. The pneumatic Golf Ball manufactured by this company



is the wonder and delight of all golfers who have tried it. It is filled with compressed air under a pressure of 800 pounds to the square inch, and everybody knows that air is the most elastic thing in the universe. The air chamber is covered with a soft, spongy substance, that with thin, soft rubber, that with more than 1,000 feet of the finest, strongest Sea Island cotton thread, wound to the thickness of one-eighth of an inch, and the whole enveloped in a jacket of the finest Para rubber. It is impossible by any stroke to hack or gash it, no difference how much force or awkwardness may be put into that stroke. It flies further and truer than any other ball from the driver, while from the putter it is as "dead" as ivory. The pneumatic will outlast from three to five balls made in any other way or of any other material and cost only 50 cents each or $5.50 per dozen. They are used by the best players, both amateur and professional, and are universally favored by those who are familiar with their qualities. They are the best golf balls made and the best is none too good for the lover of the game. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company makes thousands of other things out of rubber, and all are as good in their way as the auto tires and the golf balls. A specialty is made of rubber tiling, a substitute for all other floor coverings, which makes a noiseless floor and one that has none of the objections of other tiles. Their rubber horse shoes and pads are perfectly practical, and are the best made. Catalogues of all goods made are furnished on application, and they give the most powerful reasons for the purchase and use of the Goodyear goods.

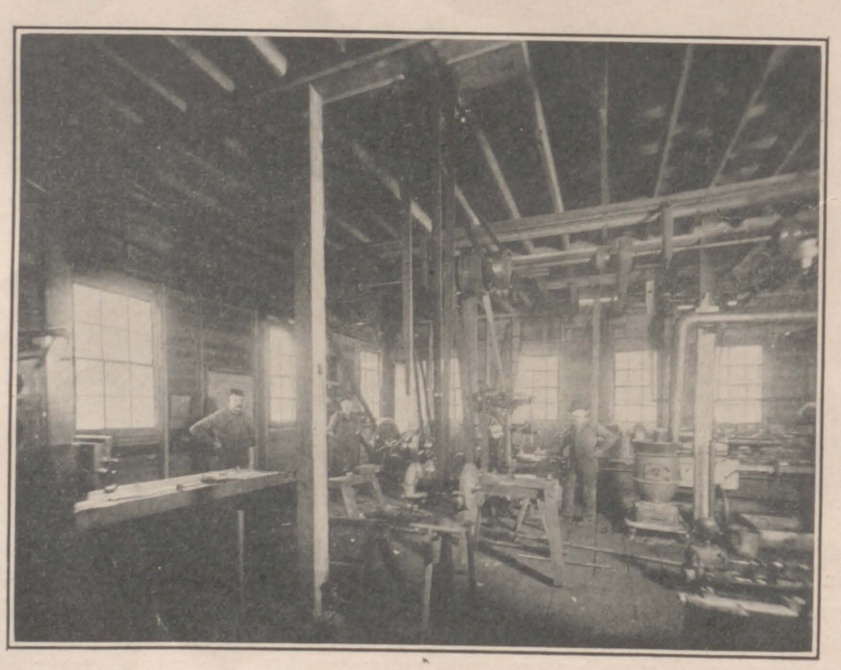
The officers of the company are Messrs. L. C. Miles, president; Senator C. W. Dick, vice president; C. W. Sieberling, scretary; H. B. Manton, treasurer, and F. A. Sieberling, general manager. The latter gentleman gives the business his whole time and attention. He is thoroughly familiar with every branch of it, and his services are invaluable. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber company is a great and growing institution, and is the pride of Akron. An illustration of the plant is herewith given.



THE ROBINSON CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY'S PLANT NO. 3, AKRON, OHIO

## KNAAK'S MACHINE SHOP.

Knaak's Machine Shop is one of Akron's new industries that has already made for itself a place and is fast establishing a reputation and building up a trade. It was organized early in the present year by Messrs. J. Knaak, R. Knaak and O. Knaak, and opened for business on June 12, 1905. From the start its business was good and it has been constantly growing. Mr. Julius Knaak, the senior member of the firm, has had thirty-five years of practical experience and is one of the best engineers and machinists in Ohio. He was with the Webster, Camp and Lane Company as machinist for fourteen years and general foreman in charge of erection for the firm of Allis-Chalmers Company, Chicago and Milwaukee, for seven years, and has had experience in all kinds of work. Mr. Rudolph Knaak has been a machinist for fourteen years and Mr. Otto Knaak has followed the same trade for twelve years. All have had experience in all kinds of work, from the ordinary foundry to the building of fine machinery and printing presses and there is little in the machine shop line that they do not know, and nothing that they cannot do. They make a specialty of rebuilding and repairing printing presses, steam, gas and gasoline engines, and rubber works' machinery. The plant is all entirely new and has the very best and latest high-speed machinery of all kinds and they are prepared to do all kinds of tool and die work and general blacksmithing. They make a specialty of gas engines, and manufacture anything to order, especially experimental machinery, in which their skill and experience are of great value. They are now doing work for many of the largest manufacturing establishments in and near Akron, and their work is always satisfactory. Their prices are always reasonable, and in their business history there has not yet been a complaint of overcharging. Business is done on strictly business principles, and it is easy to predict a constant and rapid growth for this meritorious establishment.

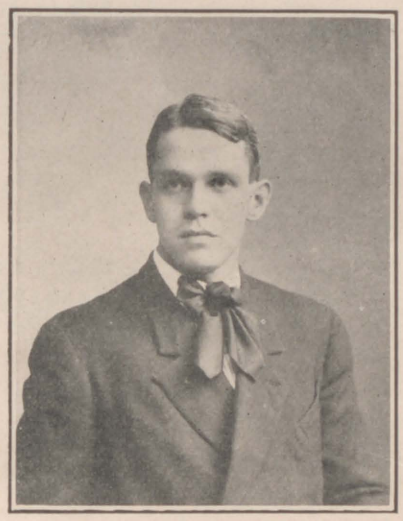


INTERIOR OF KNAAK'S MACHINE SHOP

THUMA HOTEL, CIGAR AND NEWS STAND

J. ADLER
President, Treasurer and General Manager
The American Scrap Iron Company

M. HOLUB
Vice President American Scrap Iron Company



R, J. CHALMERS
Secretary American Scrap Iron Company

R. W. MILLS
Manager Akron Branch of The Cleveland Provision Company

## THE AMERICAN SCRAP IRON COMPANY.

The American Scrap Iron Company, of Akron, is one of the largest establishments of its kind in this vicinity, and does an immense business. It was organized five years ago and incorporated in 1904. The company buys and sells everything made of metal in any quantity. A specialty is made of second-hand machinery of all kinds, including boilers, engines, pumps, electrical machinery of every kind. This department of the business has attained remarkable proportions, and it is quite safe to say that the American Scrap Iron Company buys and sells more second-hand machinery than all other similar concerns in the city and vicinity. Shipments are made to all parts of the country and purchases are made wherever the desired machinery can be had. The house is well known to the trade and there is no important offering of second-hand machinery in the country of which it is not immediately advised. It is almost as well known to those needing machinery and it frequently receives the most unexpected inquiries and orders from different parts of the country. Mr. Jacob Adler is president, treasurer and general manager of the company; Mr. Max Holub, vice-president, and Mr. Robert J. Chalmers, secretary. They are all fine business men, with an expert knowledge of their line. Their reputation for integrity and square dealing is unsurpassed, and their business is growing rapidly, so that they will shortly be compelled to greatly enlarge their quarters or move into a larger building. They have been located in the city for the past eighteen years and are well and favorably known. They make a specialty of dismantling large plants in any part of the country, and have done a great deal of this work for the largest concerns. Their offices and yards, are located at 10 West Buchtel avenue and are an exposition of second hand machinery and goods pertaining to their trade.

## THE CLEVELAND PROVISION COMPANY.

The Cleveland Provision Company is an independent concern, and one of the largest packers of pork and slaughterers of beef and mutton in the state of Ohio. The headquarters of the company are Cleveland, the officers being Benjamin Rose, president; John Nash, vice president; Chas. C. Hills, secretary, and Geo. B. Christian, treasurer. The Akron branch of the Cleveland Provision Company was established twelve years ago, and has been under the management of Mr. R. W. Mills for the past six years. Mr. Mills has a thorough knowledge of the business, enjoys the confidence alike of his company and of his patrons and is an embodiment of energy and activity. The business of the company in this territory and elsewhere has had a constant growth, until at the present time it supplies the larger part of the dealers in dressed meats in Akron and at all points in the neighborhood. Sales are made only at wholesale, and besides the products mentioned, a specialty is made of the "Rose" and "Wiltshire Hams and Bacon," than which no finer goods are to be found on the market anywhere. The Akron branch has recently been removed to new and handsome quarters in a three story brick building, with basement, every part of which is occupied. The new place has every modern improvement, including freezing rooms, cold storage and elevators, and is up-to-date in every respect. The building is located in the heart of the city on the B. & O. railroad track, which gives it excellent shipping facilities. From seven to ten people are employed in the house, and a number of wagons and drivers are kept busy delivering the various products of the company to patrons in the city and to the various depots for shipment to other points.

## ARTHUR J. WEEKS.

The manufacture of what is known as chemical stoneware is one of the important industries in Akron, and is now represented solely by Mr. Arthur J. Weeks. The business which he conducts was established many years ago, but only since 1892 has the manufacture of chemical stoneware been the feature, and it has grown until it is now almost or quite the largest in the United States, manufacturing acid jars, acid receivers, acid pitchers, glazed carboy stoppers, steam jets, digester tiles, chemical brick, chammotte, chemical pipe, chemical rings, tower pipe, earthenware faucets, plain and threaded, and in fact every sort of earthenware used by "manufacturing chemists" in any part of the world. The goods are sold all over the United States to such an extent that they are known, not only to the largest manufacturers but to the small drug stores in remote parts of the country as the "best" made. An export trade is carried on with foreign countries. The plant covers a large area, fronting 365 feet on Arlington street and running back 260 feet on East Market street. The equipment is modern in every part. Upwards of fifty people are employed. Mr. Weeks has been connected with the manufacture of chemical earthenware since its inception, and has been sole proprietor of his establishment since 1892. His goods represent a "distinct" specialty in clay products. He owns large and fine deposits of the peculiar clay necessary for this branch of manufacture, and his process for the chemicalization of earthenware is the "best" that is known to science. The quality and workmanship of his goods are unsurpassed. The establishment gives attention to *special orders* for anything in its line, making anything that is desired from *sketches* or *blue prints* in the most satisfactory manner. Shipments are made in carload lots in many instances, though orders of any size are filled from a single article up. The factory is located on the B. and O. railroad and the belt line, thus giving perfect shipping facilities. An illustrated view of the plant is herewith shown.

ARTHUR J. WEEKS' POTTERY

THE LARGEST WOOLEN MILLS IN THE COUNTRY
THE UNITED WOOLEN MILLS COMPANY
THE United Woolen Mills Co
TAILORS TO THE MASSES
From Mill to Man Direct
THE UNITED WOOLEN MILLS CO

## THE UNITED WOOLEN MILLS COMPANY.

The United Woolen Mills company has a chain of stores extending over a wide range of territory, one or more being located in all the large cities and at a number of smaller points. One of the most important of these is the establishment at 85 South Howard street, Akron, of which Mr. M. Nathanson is manager. The United Woolen Mills company is strictly a union concern and it is the only moderate priced tailoring establishment that makes its own garments in Akron. The company's store is centrally located and admirably fitted for the business, having two floors 22 by 90 feet. A large force of union workmen is employed, averaging forty persons. These are worked under the best conditions, their labor being so systematized that it is possible to turn out high-class made to order work at very reasonable prices. The United Woolen Mills company can furnish you a suit or overcoat, of good material, made to your own measure by union workmen for $15 and up. Many wise people have learned that it is easy to dress well on a little money, and they patronize the United Woolen Mills company. M. Nathanson, the manager, has had many years' experience. He is a practical tailor and cutter, and is an accomplished business man. The remarkable success achieved by his house is due, not only to the low prices and the excellent work, but to the able management of Mr. Nathanson, who has made those low prices for such excellent work possible in Akron. He has succeeded in what many would have thought a too limited field, but wherever there are people to wear clothes there are people to buy them and they will buy the best when they can buy them at the price of the cheapest. These two things Mr. Nathanson has brought together, with the result that he has an immense and rapidly growing trade, which he is compelled to take care of by the employment of additional hands. Satisfaction is always guaranteed in every piece of work turned out by the United Woolen Mills company.

## THE NATIONAL CITY BANK.

The National City Bank is one of the strongest and most substantial financial institutions of Akron. It was established on May 2, 1903, with a capital of $100,000, and it has since that time accumulated a surplus fund of $20,000. It has in no sense departed from the recognized rules that govern sound banking everywhere, but at the same time it has been managed in a progressive spirit that is thoroughly in keeping with the times and with the growing and energetic city in which it is located. The building occupied by the National City Bank is one of the best in the city and its equipment is as handsome as can be found anywhere. The fire and burglar proof vault is the best in the city and offers absolute security against those two most dangerous enemies of valuable personal property. The officers of the bank are N. C. Stone, president; E. S. Day, vice president and Harry Williams, cashier. Mr. Stone gives his entire time to the business of the bank. Mr. Williams has been with the bank since its organization and is a most efficient man for this important position. The directors embrace some of the best known capitalists and business men of the city. They are E. S. Day, P. D. Hall, H. M. Houser, Elmer C. Turner, S. H. Pitkin, F. A. Sieberling, N. C. Stone, H. E. Andres and Hugh Ford. The National City Bank solicits the accounts of merchants, manufacturers and individuals and offers every facility which correct banking will justify. The highest rate of current interest is paid on time deposits, and the bank issues savings books on the same terms as savings banks, thus affording every inducement for the small depositor as well as to the largest. The last statement of the bank was a most favorable one, and was as follows:

Resources:

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| Loans and discounts | $592,666.51 |
| Overdrafts | 465.22 |
| U. S. Bonds | 150,000.00 |
| Premiums on bonds | 7,750.00 |
| Banking house, etc. | 10,000.00 |
| Cash and cash items | 222,657.56 |

Liabilities:

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| Capital stock | $100,000.00 |
| Circulation | 100,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 20,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 18,701.37 |
| Deposits | 744,837.92 |

This statement represents an achievement in banking that is rarely equaled, and indicates the confidence in which the National City Bank is rightfully held. It is expected that the current year will see this admirable record totally eclipsed, with deposits well past the million mark and other evidences of the prosperity of one of Akron's most popular institutions will not be lacking.

NATIONAL CITY BANK

DOBSON BUILDING

## THE McNEIL BOILER COMPANY.

The McNeil Boiler Company was founded as an individual enterprise in 1863, by J. C. McNeil, who was succeeded in 1902 by the McNeil Boiler Company, which was incorporated under the laws of West Virginia with a capital of $250,000. Mr. J. B. Campbell is president and general manager. He has been with the establishment for twenty-three years and is thoroughly conversant with every detail in every department. Mr. F. H. Adams is vice president, and Mr. C. W. Berry is secretary and treasurer. The officers are also directors, the two other members of the board being Mr. W. W. McIntosh of Akron, and Mr. H. F. Cook of Cleveland. The principal business of the company is the manufacture of the Cook Water Tube boilers, which are known all over the world, being sold in every part of the United States, In Canada, Mexico, China, Japan, Australia and all of the countries of Europe and South America. It is recognized as the best of its type, and has a wider range of usefulness than any other boiler made. All other types of steam boilers are made by the company, together with the McNeil Globe and Cylinder Bleaching boilers, sulphite digesters for pulp mills, stationery and car-tanks and vulcanizers for rubber works. The factory is one of the most complete of its kind in the country, being furnished with every known appliance for the perfect and economical operation of the plant. A working force of 125 men is constantly employed, most of whom are skilled mechanics. The office force necessary to the transaction of the heavy business of the company is large, and under the able direction of President Campbell achieves the best possible results.

## WESTERN RESERVE SECURITY COMPANY.

The Western Reserve Security Company is a private banking institution which does a general banking business in the ordinary way and at the same time loans money on securities that are not accepted by other banks, thus performing a most useful office in the community, from the fact that many persons need the advantages offered by a bank, but who, at the same time, are not in a position, either from circumstances or choice, to avail themselves of the accommodations offered by the ordinary bank of discount and deposit. The Western Reserve Security Company makes loans on chattels, real estate and all other securities of value. Loans are also made on salaries at reasonable rates to persons with permanent employment. The rate on loans is lower than that of other institutions, which accept the same class of business, and every endeavor is made to cultivate the good will as well as to secure the business of patrons. The business is carried on in room 220, Hamilton building, where neatly appointed offices are maintained. The business is the largest of the kind in Akron or Summit County, and is constantly growing as the people learn of the advantages which the Western Reserve Security Company has to offer. The officers of the company are J. B. Looker, president and general manager; Will W. Wagoner, secretary; Fred J. Ketcher, treasurer, and J. G. Osgood, vice president. Mr. Looker is a wide-awake business man, who is thoroughly informed in all branches of banking. He is still a young man, but has taken a prominent position in the business community. He has a wide social and business acquaintance and is personally very popular. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a Knight Templar.

## THE HOME BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Home Building and Loan Association was organized in 1891, and is one of the most successful institutions of its kind in Akron or its vicinity.

Its officers and directors are composed of many of the best business men and bankers of Akron and it deserves the confidence in which it is universally held.

Since its organization the Association has paid in dividends over $210,000.00, and its surplus now amounts to $20,000.00. Its last statement, made on June 24th, 1905, showed loans in force amounting to over $250,000.00, all on the best real estate in Akron and its immediate vicinity. Loans are made only on the recommendation of the Board of Appraisers, and each is ratified by the Board of Directors before made, thus safe-guarding the interests of the stockholders and investors to the greatest possible degree.

The expenses are kept down to the lowest limit and in every way the welfare of the stockholders is safe-guarded.

The dividend rate has never fallen below 5 per cent per annum since the Association was organized, and for a conservative investment, no institution can offer better security.

The care with which loans are made and the business conducted is shown by the fact that although the aggregate of loans is large, the Association has no real estate on hands nor has it any real estate which has been sold under contract.

Its uncollected earnings are always reduced to the minimum, as its borrowers are prompt in the payment of interest due.

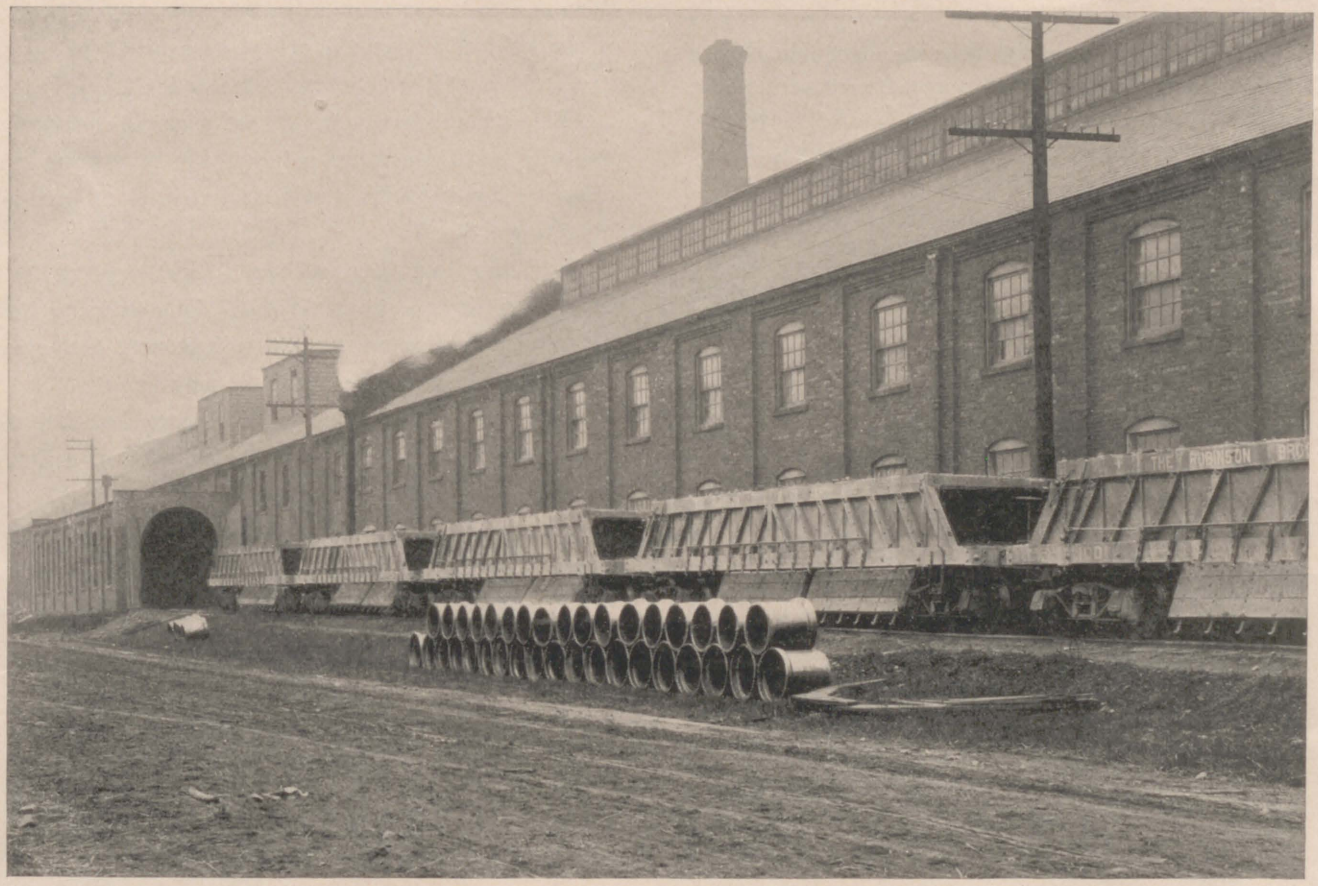
Four per cent interest is paid to depositors who do not desire to become regular members of the Association and this feature is very popular. Deposits can be made at any time and in any amount and can be withdrawn without notice.

These and other features have made the Home deservedly popular, and it courts full investigation from any one having funds to invest, whether the amount be large or small.

Its officers are J. M. Beck, President; W. W. Leonard, Vice-President; E. R. Held, Treasurer; W. C. Hall, Secretary; F. B Dodge, Assistant Secretary, and H. E. Andress, Attorney.

Its directors are J. M. Beck, W. W. Leonard, J. H. Dellenberger, M. O. Hower and G. A. Kempel.

Its offices are located in the American Cereal Co's building, No. 102 South Howard Street.



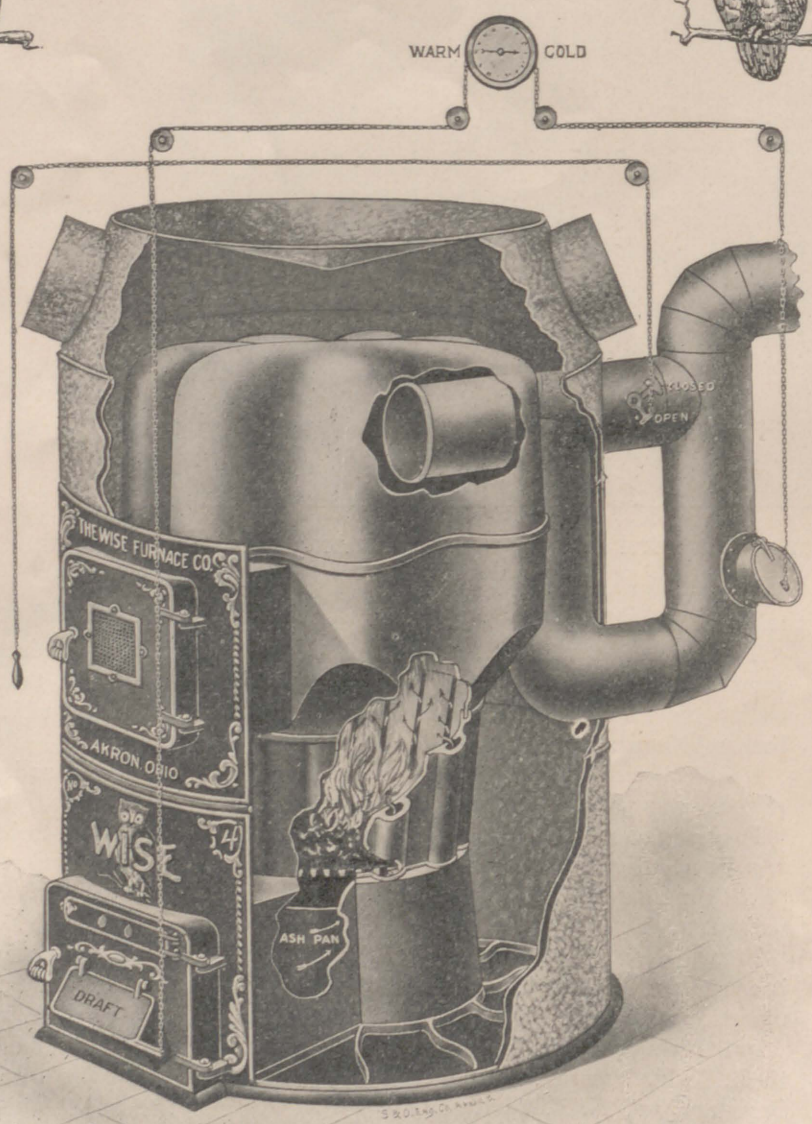
THE ROBINSON CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY'S PLANT NO. 4, NORTH SIDE OF WORKS, AKRON, OHIO

## THE WISE FURNACE COMPANY.

The advertising matter of the Wise Furnace Company states that "Wise people buy Wise Furnaces," which is the truth, though not all wise people do it, because not all the people of that class know the merits of the Wise furnaces. When they do they buy, and thus is made good the claims of the advertisement. Wise people buy Wise furnaces, because they are the best and most economical furnaces made and are adapted to a greater variety of needs than any other. They burn anything that is combustible, and get the best results out of low grade, cheap fuel, something that many other furnaces cannot handle at all. With good fuel the Wise furnaces have a greater heating capacity than any other furnace with like fuel, and with poor fuel the others are not in the race at all. The secret of the Wise furnace is in its principles of construction. It is different from any other, and is constructed on absolutely correct scientific and mechanical lines. It is a strictly high grade furnace, perfect in every part and warranted in every way, and yet it is sold at a price which places it in the reach of every home owner who seeks comfort, convenience, economy and health, and dealers find that they can sell it in competition with the highest priced and lowest priced furnaces on account of its superior merits. Above is a cut of the Wise Furnace, a careful study of which will convince any one that it is the *"Correct Thing."* This gives the Wise dealer an immense advantage and accounts for the successful introduction of this furnace in every furnace-using section of the United States. In centers where no agencies are established these are sought, and price lists and all needed information will be cheerfully furnished to responsible houses.

The growth of The Wise Furnace Company has been the most remarkable in the history of the furnace business, necessitating a great increase in their manufacturing capacity. About January 1st they will begin to operate one of the largest and best equipped plants in the United States, which will enable them to properly care for the continued increase which is sure to come to them.

The officers of The Wise Furnace Company are J. W. Myers, president; C. W. Carmichael, vice president; Crannell Morgan, treasurer, and W. G. Wise, secretary and general manager.




## A TRADE WINNER FOR DEALERS IN HIGH CLASS SPORTING GOODS

National Publishing Co. is in receipt of one of the metal signs and window transparencies gotten out in eight colors by the Enterprise Manufacturing Company of Akron, O., for display by dealers who handle their goods.

Both the embossed signs and the transparencies measure 10 by 14 inches.

The illustration herewith gives an idea of the subject, though it cannot adequately reproduce the beauty of the colored original.

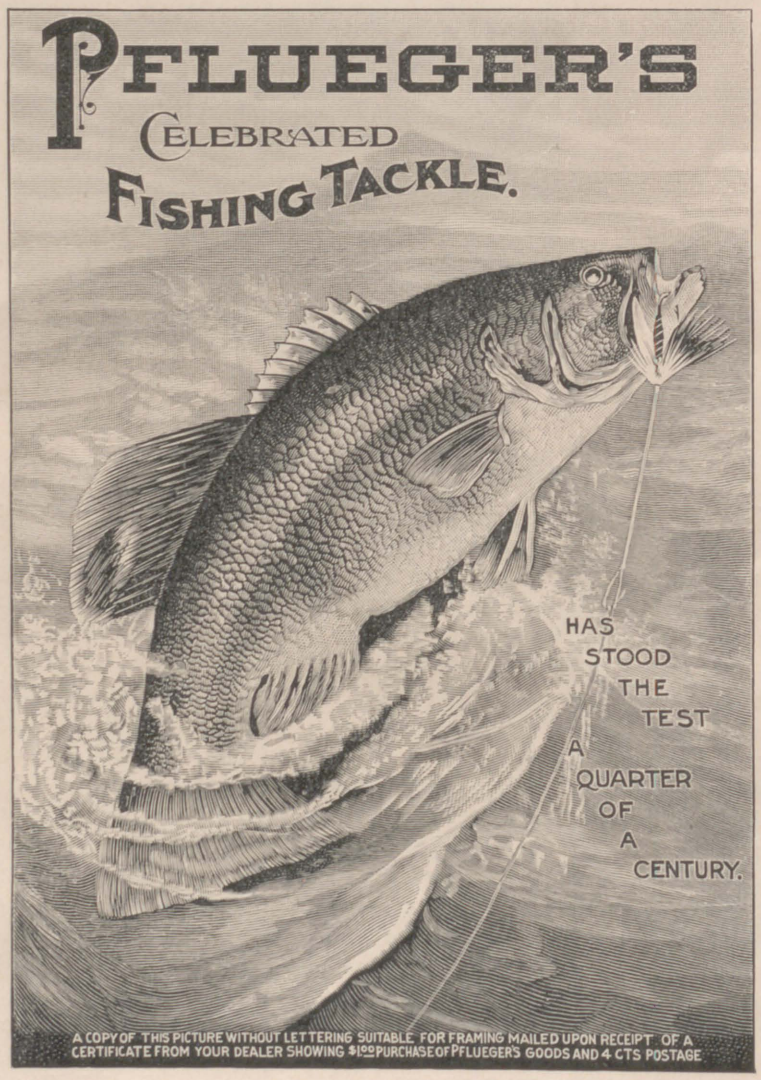
Both the signs and the transparencies are so handsomely gotten up that they are an ornament to the handsomest sporting goods establishment, and are bound to attract favorable attention wherever seen by anglers.

The Enterprise Manufacturing Company, however, have not stopped at this. They have, in addition, issued a set of certificates which, when signed by both the dealer and his customer, certifying that the customer has purchased $1.00 worth of Pflueger's goods from the dealer's store, and mailed to the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, together with 4 cents in stamps to cover postage, entitles the customer to an eight-color picture of the subject illustrated below, measuring 10 by 14 inches, but entirely free from advertising matter of any kind.

This picture is a work of art particularly appropriate for any sportsman's den, and the liberal policy of the Enterprise Manufacturing Company in presenting it to their patrons is bound to greatly help the retailers in increasing sales.

Realizing that there will be a great demand for these pictures during the coming season, the Enterprise Manufacturing Company positively state that not more than one picture will be sent to the same person, no matter what the amount of his purchase may be.

The metal signs, window transparencies, and certificates will be sent to any dealer in fishing tackle addressing the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, Akron, O.


PFLUEGER'S
CELEBRATED
FISHING TACKLE.
HAS STOOD THE TEST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.
A COPY OF THIS PICTURE WITHOUT LETTERING SUITABLE FOR FRAMING MAILED UPON RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE FROM YOUR DEALER SHOWING $1.00 PURCHASE OF PFLUEGER'S GOODS AND 4 CTS POSTAGE

## THE DIAMOND RUBBER COMPANY.

The Diamond Rubber Company is one of the principal industries of Akron and its growth has been phenomenal. It was established in 1898, with a capital of $50,000, with a small factory and a working force of 250 men. At first only a small line of goods was manufactured, and in every way the concern was a modest one. It had the right men at the head of it, however, and it soon made itself felt in the rubber trade. At first it bought its crude rubber in lots of 500 pounds, and when its business had grown until its purchases were made in quantities of a ton at a time its friends, some of whom had looked on doubtfully at first, were satisfied with the growth and especially with the prospects of the business. Since that time the capital stock has been increased to $3,500,000, the names on the pay roll have increased to 1,725, and is constantly being enlarged, and instead of the few staple articles that were made, there is nothing that is made of rubber in whole or in part that is not turned out by this immense plant. Crude rubber is bought in lots of 100 tons at a time, the company being the largest single purchaser in the world. Some idea of the magnitude of a purchase of 100 tons of material may be gathered when it is stated that the cost of rubber in the crude state, purchased in this quantity is $1.30 a pound, a single order calling for the expenditure of $260,000. In the beginning the company operated two calenders and seven mills, while now it operates twenty-seven mills and two calenders, and the capacity is under the necessity of constant increase. Then its engines registered 250 horse power, and now they generate 2,050 horse power. The goods manufactured, as stated, embrace everything that is made of rubber, including mechanical rubber goods of every description, belting, packing, hose and molded goods, hard and soft rubber goods, druggists' sundries, rubber novelties, medical and surgical goods and solid, cushion and pneumatic tires of every description. Their "automobile tires" are the best in the world, and they are sold to all of the best manufacturers of auto carriages in the United States and in Europe. The officers of the Diamond Rubber company, the men who have achieved these stupendous results in a phenomenally short time, thus entitling their names to the written high in the roll of captains of industry, are F. A. Hardy, president; A. H. Marks, vice president and superintendent; W. B. Miller, secretary, and A. H. Noah, treasurer.

## C. A. LAMSON.

The leading dealer in fresh fish and oysters in Akron is Mr. C. A. Lamson. He has been in business for the past six years, but has been identified with the trade for a very long time, in fact ever since his boyhood, and is perfectly familiar with every part of it. He is acquainted with all of the best sources of supply on the continent and utilizes his knowledge in the selection of his stock, which is always the best on the market, being always fresh and properly handled. He sells more fish and oysters than all other houses in the city combined, a fact that is due alike to his ability as a hustler and business man, and to the fact that he has built up a reputation for handling only the best goods and selling them at a reasonable price. He does a large wholesale business and is depended on to furnish a number of retail establishments with almost their entire stock. His retail trade has grown to large proportions. He maintains a free delivery service to all parts of the city, and orders are filled with care and deliveries made with promptness. He never sends out an order without knowing that the goods are in the best condition as regards quality and freshness, and his trade never asks any questions about those two requisites, so well is his reputation established. Mr. Lamson is ably assisted in the management of his business by his son, Mr. C. M. Lamson. The house is centrally located at No. 32 North Howard street and is served by both telephones, No. 258. Telephone orders are executed with the same care as those made in person, and a dissatisfied customer is unknown. The store is kept scrupulously clean and it is a pleasure to visit and inspect it. Mr. Lamson is well and favorably known to almost every citizen of Akron, and he is a man who deserves the success that he has achieved.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

High
Fraunfelter
Allen
Grace

# Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

Prominent among Akron manufacturers is the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, who are the largest exclusive rubber tire makers in America. Its officers are H. S. Firestone, president; Will Christy, vice president; S. G. Carkhuff, secretary, and L. E. Sisler, treasurer. The general management of the company is directed by President Firestone, who has been associated with the rubber tire business from its infancy and he is ably assisted by Secretary Carkhuff. The sales department is under the guidance of Sales Manager Joe M. Gilbert.

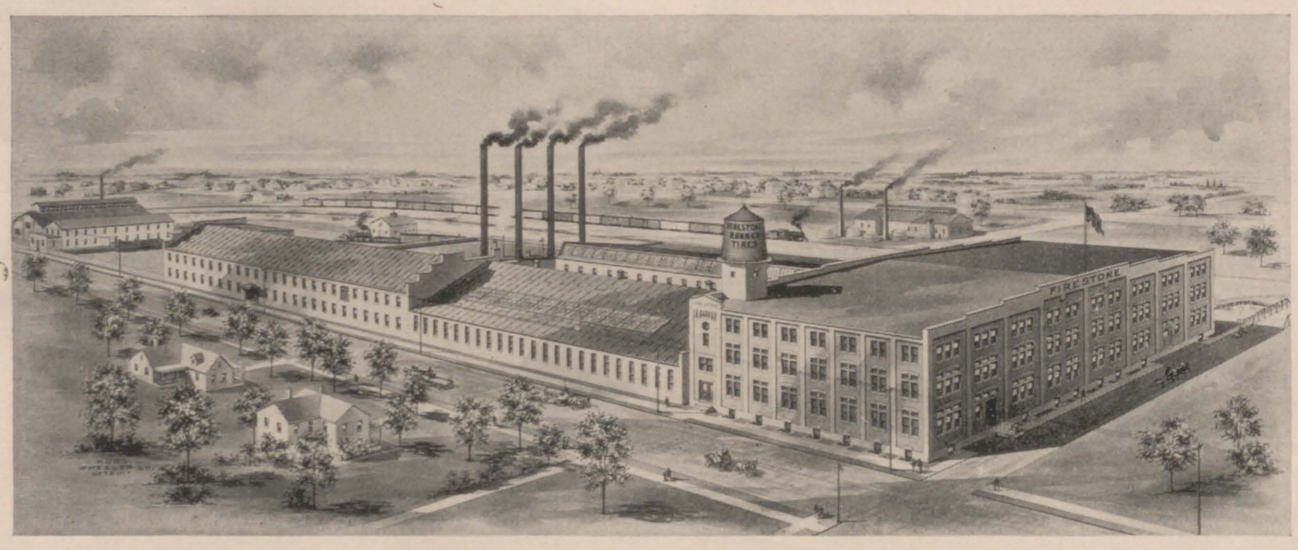
The company's attention was at first directed solely to the manufacture of carriage tires, but later when the automobile era came upon us they were quick to realize the practicability of Solid Tires for heavy commercial automobiles and were the first firm to manufacture a successful solid rubber tire for vehicles of this class. The patented construction of the Firestone Side-Wire Tire proved itself to be a most excellent one, and it is conservatively estimated that fully 85 per cent of all commercial automobiles now in operation are equipped with this tire.

The use of Firestone Tires, however, is not confined to carriages and automobiles. The company believed that rubber tires on fire department apparatus would greatly increase its efficiency. Experiments were made and it was found that they were a decided improvement over the old steel rims. They decrease the liability of accident, reduce maintenance expense by protecting apparatus from severe jolts, increase the running speed, decrease the draught on horses and make it possible for drivers to cross hose lines without danger of cutting. Fire department officials were not slow to recognize these advantages and now progressive cities throughout the United States are equipping their apparatus with Firestone Side-Wire Tires.

The success of their Solid Tire has been so gratifying to the company that they have now entered a new field, having patented a mechanically fastened Pneumatic Tire. It is claimed that this tire cannot possibly come off in use, insuring absolute safety, but may be easily and quickly removed or replaced by the most inexperienced person. It has been thoroughly tested and results have been so satisfactory that its popularity among automobile manufacturers and users is assured.

The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company are frequently called "Rubber Tire Specialists." They carefully study the requirements of a good tire and it is their claim that they can properly equip any vehicle from the lightest carriage to the heaviest truck. The company's policy is to make perfect the mechanical construction of their tires and none but the finest materials are used. Integrity, energy and a determination to furnish only high grade tires has enabled the management to increase the demand for its product so rapidly that repeated additions to the plant have been made necessary. The large buildings now occupied are equipped throughout with the newest and most modern machinery, and special attention has been given to their sanitary regulations.

Akron's progressiveness is nicely illustrated in this firm, which has rapidly grown from comparative insignificance to such prominence. This is a conspicuous example of what may be accomplished by manufacturing firms when honesty and quality are considered of prime importance.




FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER CO.'S PLANT

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Secretary XXth Century Heating and Ventilating Company

## THE AKRON VARNISH COMPANY.

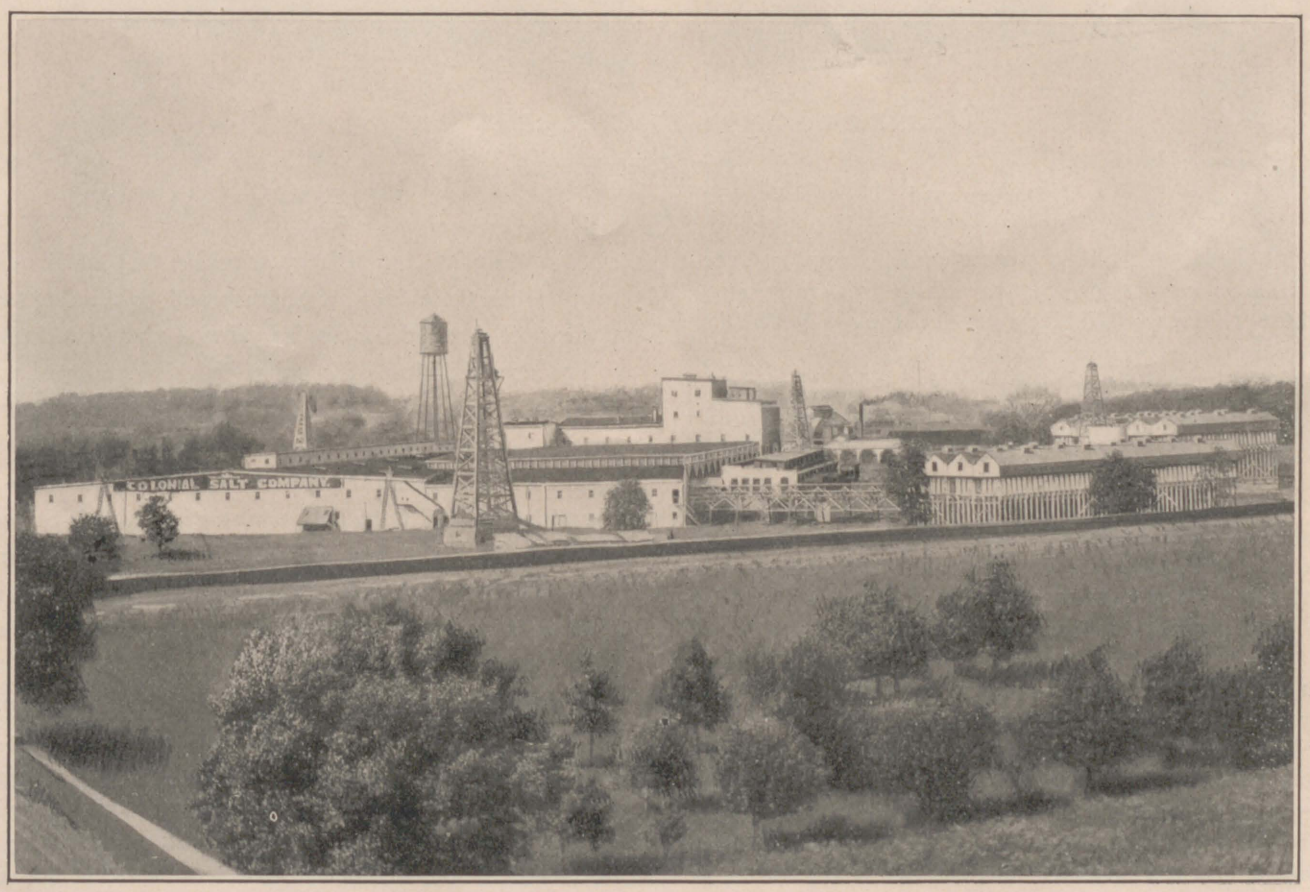
The Akron Varnish Company is one of the leading concerns in the country manufacturing high grade varnishes and japans. Its goods have a reputation as being among the best in all parts of the United States and are largely sold in Europe, especially in Germany, where a strong demand for them exists. The present company was formed by the consolidation of two establishments, both of large size and splendid reputation, the firm of Kubler & Beck and the Imperial Varnish Company, which took place eight years ago. The consolidation marked a new era in the business and the trade has expanded very greatly in that length of time. The two plants have been thoroughly overhauled and are now the most modern to be found anywhere. All varnishes are made after the company's original formulae, and by expert varnish makers, many of whom have been with the company and its predecessors for many years, it being the policy of the management to keep good men wherever it is possible to do so and to employ no other kind. The varnishes embrace almost everything known to the trade and are all of exceptionally high quality, having won the endorsement of practical and experienced men wherever they have been used. Some of the finer grades are without an equal, and their merits are demonstrated by use, possessing all of the qualities which are recognized as reaching perfection without any of the objections to which other varnishes are liable. In Japans the same statements hold good. The best materials are used in their manufacture and they answer every test that can be imposed upon them for handsome finish and durability under the most trying use. The line embraces Japans for every known purpose. Their baking Japans are especially recognized as having a superior excellence and are used exclusively by many of the largest manufacturers in this country and in Europe. All varnishes are packed in tins, from one-fourth pints to ten gallons, the packages being especially attractive. Japans are put up in cans or in barrels. The president of the Akron Varnish Company, Mr. E. Kubler, now lives in Belgium. Mr. J. M. Beck, the vice president and treasurer, is the active manager of the company. Mr. E. M. Beck is secretary and Mr. F. M. Whitner is assistant treasurer. Mr. F. A. Fauver is superintendent of the manufacturing department. An adequate number of expert workmen is employed, and the office force necessary to handle the immense business of the company is large.

W. S. ROATH
of XXth Century Heating and Ventilating Company

G. E. RICH
Scientific Horse Shoer

## COLONIAL SALT COMPANY

The gigantic plant of the Colonial Salt Company is located at Kenmore, Ohio, which, being situated only three miles from Akron, is regarded as a part of the city. The plant was established not quite five years ago and is now the largest independent salt manufacturing concern in the United States. The buildings and yards cover twenty acres of ground, and the equipment is the largest and most modern in any single plant in the world. The accompanying bird's eye view gives an excellent idea of the establishment, which is the pride of every citizen of Akron and vicinity. The Colonial Salt Company manufacture all kinds of salt, and there is no better salt made in the world. It is absolutely free from all impurities. It is put up in attractive packages and is also sold in bulk, and is shipped all over the United States, even into territory in which other salt is manufactured, its excellence winning its way wherever it is introduced. The plant has direct connection with all roads, over its own private switches and has unexcelled shipping facilities, with freight rates that enable the product to be delivered dnywhere at a low cost. The Colonial Salt Company is an incorporated company, the officers being John L. Severance, president, and Elmer C. Turner, vice president and treasurer. The offices of the company are handsomely equipped and are the working home of a farge and competent force. The establishment employs a large number of people in many departments and is one of the most important industrial institutions of Akron and vicinity.




COLONIAL SALT COMPANY,S PLANT

# BILLIONS IN OUR CROPS

New Year Will Show Marvelous Business Activity, Say Leaders—Condition of Iron Trade Flattering Railroads Expect to Spend $600,000,000 in Improvements

In the opinion of the leaders of the commercial and the industrial world, the year 1906 will be characterized by the greatest activity in all lines of business ever known.

The industrial world is practically at peace. The stability of the currency is not being attacked by any of the isms. An air of confidence pervades every branch of business life. There comes as nearly being work right now for every man willing to work as will ever exist in this or any other country.

According to the final returns to the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture the total value of the 1905 corn crop was $1,116,693,738. The wheat crop yielded $518,372,727. The aggregate value of oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, flaxseed and rice was $393,749,765. The potato crop poured $160,821,080 into the farmers' laps, while they got for their hay the fine sum of $515,959,784.

The cotton crop, with the prevailing good prices, has added largely to the prosperity of the southland, which under the quickening impulse of outside capital is awakening to its immense possibilities along manufacturing lines.

Iron trade conditions present such a stupendous array of figures that the imagination is staggered. The production and shipments of 1905 have been far in excess of any previous year, but the sales for 1906 already greatly exceed those of 1905. Over 34,000,000 tons of ore were shipped by water and rail from the Lake Superior mines during the season just closed.

Six hundred million dollars, according to conservative estimate, will be expended by the railroads for improved equipment, additional lines and general betterments. The railroads will begin making inroads into this vast sum during 1906, but several years will be covered by the entire expenditure. In the line of ship building enough contracts for the new year have already been made to break the record. Placed in line the ships now contracted for would cover a space of four miles. Many of these vessels will cost more than $500,000 each.

# FINE OUTLOOK FOR THE FARMER

Largest Crops of Corn and Oats Ever Grown Produced in 1905

The general prosperity of 1905 and the proimse of 1906 is more flattering to the farmer, perhaps, than to anyone else.

In the grain trade, we produced the largest crops of corn and of oats ever grown, the combined production being largely in excess of the world's record; and, while a large crop of wheat was produced, still conditions operating in the trade have made it a very peculiar and exceptional season.

The stock of old wheat was practically exhausted when the crop of 1905 became available, and consequently there was an instant and large demand for the new crop; interior mills being active in their competition against the ports, so that good wheat has, until now, found a ready demand from these interior sources and prices are very much higher than the export demand has so far evinced an inclination to pay.

The accumulation of supplies in this country has not been on a very large scale, and, on the other hand, the export movement has not been large. Scarcely any actual wheat has been shipped to Europe, the movement being composed in a large measure of the manufactured products and the shipment of Canadian wheat via United States ports, consequently the trade in wheat has been rather irregular in character, and so far the foreign movement has been disappointing, it being assumed that with a total production of 682,000,000 bushels there would be inevitably a large surplus for export purposes.

In corn the situation is entirely different, the short crops of corn and barley in Europe and the failure of the rye crop in Germany and Russia lead to an immense demand for corn and oats, the near approach, too, of the time when the increased German duty will be levied on cereals, caused the continent to purchase grain on an immense scale; and some idea of this demand may be had from the statement—that the exporters on the seaboard sold about all the corn they could readily supply.

SOME OF AKRON'S BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCES

C. C. Goodrich — Mrs. E. W. Work — B. G. Work

C. B. Raymond — R. P. Marvin

# The Power Of The Press

Nearly two hundred newspapers and newsgathering associations of the United States are represented by correspondents entitled to admission to the press galleries of the Senate and House of Represntatives during the sessions of Congress. The number of correspondents is about a score smaller, as shown by the last edition of the Congressional Directory, because one man often covers the field for two or three papers, many of them taking no despatches on general news subjects, and depending on their "special correspondents" to send them merely the news of their local Congressman and public officials, the doings of such of their prominent citizens as occasionally visit the capital of their country, and the personal gossip of interest to the home folks.

All important papers have *bona fide* special correspondents in Washington when Congress is in session, and the larger papers, of course, keep their offices open all the year round and maintain a "special" telegraphic service to supplement that of the press associations, either by leased wire or the regular service of the telegraph companies.

SOME OF AKRON'S BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCES

Wm. Clerkin
Dan McGarry

R. E. Inskeep
N. M. Berk

Although eligibility to a seat in the press gallery is a test of a newspaper man's standing in the profession in Washington, his occupancy of it is not an indication of his usefulness or influence, because it is a well-known fact that the men who send from Washington the really important and interesting daily budgets of news, outlining governmental politics, describing and forecasting events, do not sit in the Congress galleries at all, except on the rare occasions when a debate is on worthy of being described and commented on by the word-painters of the corps of special correspondents. The regular routine debates are reported by a representative of each of the three press associations, who has a seat on the floor of the Senate and House alongside of the stenographic reporters of the debates.

Every paper in the United States is suppliied in one way or another by one or all of these press associations, so that the special correspondents rest easy in their minds on dull days in the knowledge that their papers are getting the routine proceedings of Congress, and they go gunning about for real live news on their own hook. The days when the debates in the Senate and House are most prosaic may be the very days when important news is being made in the committee rooms and out-of-the-way places of the Capitol building and behind the closed doors of the private offices of members of the Cabinet. Among newspaper workers in Washington it is an old adage that trouble is brewing when the surface of affairs is smooth. It will never do to trust to appearances when news-getting in Washington. Appearances are proverbially deceitful and eternal vigilance is the price of success.

The news-gathering associations and the corps of special correspondents have, during the past quarter of a century or more, come to be recognized as practically a coördinate branch of the Government, with certain powers and privileges that make their work as important in its effect upon public questions as the deliberations of the Cabinet, and much more so, as a rule, than the Congress debates. In the old days, every correspondent was a free lance and the work of the press associations was confined in a general way to routine reports of the doings of Congress and the various Government departments. Those were the days of Bohemianism, when a news "beat" was a matter of nightly occurrence, and when Newspaper Row in the wee sma' hours was the resort of statesmen who wanted things kept out of the papers as well as of those who wanted things put in. Late hours and irregular habits were the rule. Nowadays, only the cheap statesman haunts the newspaper offices, and Bohemianism exists no more except in the reminiscences of the few old war horses who managed to survive it.

WHERE TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

Excessive drinking is a thing of the past, and public men of importance no longer frequent public bar-rooms. Hancock's famous place on Pennsylvania Avenue, which stands today practically as it stood when Clay, Calhoun, Benton, and the army of famous men who came with them and after them, stopped there for their toddy on the way home from the Capitol, is still popular. It still has a sawdust floor, polished pine counter

and a museum of curiosities well worth seeing. But while public men occasionally eat a chicken dinner in the little room up-stairs haunted by the ghosts of statesmen of the bygone days, the regular frequenters of the place do not come from the legislative halls and Cabinet councils. The genuine newspaper men of the Washington of 1905 are too busy to loaf in bar-rooms by day, and at night when their offices are closed they go to bed. Many of them are taxpayers and among the best citizens of the capital, and the old-time Bohemian roystering gatherings have been succeeded by organizations like the Gridiron Club, which periodically dines public men, has a lot of fun, and orders the bills sent to the members, not to the guests.

A standing committee of correspondents controls the management of the press galleries, and a candidate for admission must present credentials, and also prove to the satisfaction of the committee that he sends daily dispatches by telegraph and that he does not hold a place of emolument under the Government. The latter requirement is so rigidly enforced that Mr. H. B. Macfarland, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who since his appointment to that dignified and responsible office by President McKinley in 1900 has continued to be a regular correspondent, is not admitted to the press gallery.

being prepared, and by the President when he makes up the list of invitations for the four annual card receptions at the White House. These last are the only official social events to which the newspaper men as a class are invited. Individually their social standing is just what they choose to make it, and as a general proposition differs in no way from that of individuals in other callings.

But in recent years, "the power of the press" so called, the effect of well-directed newspaper influence upon the masses of the people, not the voters alone, but the intelligent, well-read, thinking, patriotic citizens, has come to be so generally recognized in Washington, that the newspaper corps is regarded somewhat in the light of an adjunct to the administration of the party in power.

It is probably true, as said recently by a public speaker, that public sentiment rules this country now as never before in its history, and this public sentiment is created not by ponderous editorials, as in the days of Horace Greeley, Wilbur F. Story, Joseph Medill, Richard Smith, Henry J. Raymond and their contemporaries, but by putting before the people daily by telegraph an intelligible account of what the Government is doing and what it purposes to do. "Use the public as an adviser" is the motto of men in high official station today, and more than ever they are coming

SOME OF AKRON'S BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCES

A. Adamson — Irving Lawn — Mrs. Anna Perkins

INTEGRITY OF REPORTS SAFEGUARDED.

East applicant for admission to the press gallery must also sign a pledge that he is not, and will not become, interested in any legislation pending in Congress. The men, and women, too—for there is no restriction as to sex, and at least one woman occupies a regularly assigned seat in the press galleries—who pass muster, have their names placed on the Congressional Directory list, which thus becomes a semi-official one and is depended upon by public men when they desire to get in touch with the masses of the American people. The list is consulted when a Congressman is sending out a prepared interview or a formal speech, when his daughter is to be married and wants a little newspaper advertisement, and when he does some meritorious act, in Congress or out of it, which he thinks will meet the approval of the "pee-pul" if his light is not hid under a bushel. The hundreds of department bureaus consult the list when mailing belated printed documents, which go out by scores of tons every year only to find they way at last into the junk shop. The list is consulted by Cabinet officers when invitations to formal official functions, such as the unveiling of a monument or the dedication of a war college, are to rely upon this educated public sentiment. President McKinley put this system into active operation, and President Roosevelt has brought it to perfection. He is as accessible to a reputable newspaper reporter as to a Congressman, and more so than to an office-seeker. He will talk freely upon any question with newspaper men whom he knows, not always for publication of course; but in many cases he allows the reporter to use in his own way what he tells him, and thus, without being quoted, gets an accurate statement of the case before the public. Mr. Roosevelt talks to the reporters about matters which heretofore have been regarded as state secrets to be locked tight in the breasts of those concerned. For instance, a year or so ago the reappointment of an important federal official was under consideration, and serious charges against his integrity and personal character were made. His political friends attempted to ignore them and declared that he would be appointed regardless of the facts.

But the President plainly told newspaper men that if those who made the charges should produce the proof, the official's head would drop in spite of all the political influence in the United States. And it did. It was so in the case of Crum, the negro collector of customs at Charleston, with

the coal-strike arbitration, the Sampson-Schley controversy and other noted incidents of Roosevelt's Administration. He let the correspondents of the leading newspapers of the country know just what his views and intentions were, and when action is taken the public is promptly and fully informed. This is the President's mode of sounding public opinion, and, says he, he has never yet been deceived. He puts not his faith in politicians and office-seekers who come with tales to tell and axes to grind, but keeps in touch with genuine, unbiased public sentiment.

ROOSEVELT'S STRATEGY.

The most conspicuous example of Mr. Roosevelt's dependence upon and use of public opinion was given in the Fifty-seventh Congress, when in the face of the most powerful opposition ever brought to bear upon a measure before Congress he was urging the passage of the Administration's plan of anti-trust legislation. At a critical period in the deliberations of the Senate and House, when the program had been partially carried out, it came to the ears of the President that agents of the Standard Oil Company had sent telegrams to certain senators practically ordering them to defeat one of the pending bills. Certain newspaper correspondents also knew that the telegrams had been received.

The President immediately saw his chance, and with his knowledge and approval a story was telegraphed broadcast giving the substance of the telegrams, coupled with the authorizezd statement that, if this attempt of a corporation to control Congress and thwart the wishes of the Administration and the people should succeed, an extra session of Congress would at once be called and kept in session until the desired legislation should become law. The response of public sentiment was immediate and the anti-trust program went quickly through. The President's intuition that the public would not stand for an attempted coercion of Congress was correct, and the story that was published simultaneously from Maine to California did its work and the President gained his point.

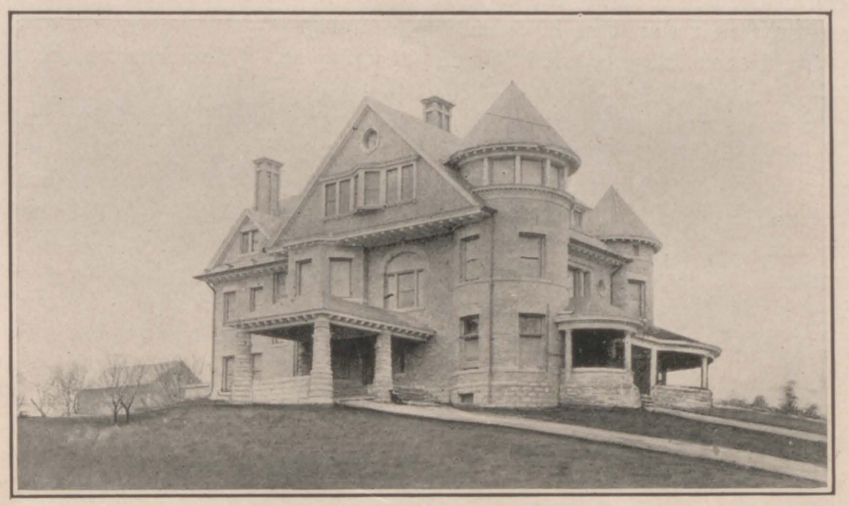
Mr. Roosevelt has often said that when he wants a secret kept he tells it to the newspaper men. And that's a good way to do, because, having the information in confidence, the reporters can't use it until the President gives the word, whereas if he had not told them they might have learned the facts elsewhere. The late Daniel S. Lamont, when Cleveland's private secretary and afterward Secretary of War, understood this method, too, and once, when he learned that a big newspaper had an advance copy of an important report of his and was preparing to print it, he had rush copies struck off and sent to the newspapers under the usual seal of confidence—not to be printed before a certain date. The editor of the paper which had bought the contraband report very properly decided that in the circumstances he could not use it until the Secretary's release was given.

THE SECRETARIES ARE CAUTIOUS.

The members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet are not so free and easy with the newspaper correspondents as he is. There are one or two of them who are quite as accessible; but those who have the important work of the Government in charge prefer not to talk about public questions until they are disposed of. The Secretary of State, of course, must be a diplomat always, as the questions dealt with by the State Department involve other Governments and the people of other countries; but being a newspaper man himself, the late Mr. Hay recognizezd the value of knowing public sentiment, and he talked frankly and intelligently with representative newspaper men, and obtained both their views and the views of their papers while guardedly giving his own.

Secretary Root, being a lawyer, while at the head of the War Department was inclined to regard its affairs as the business of his clients. He therefore kept it to himself. He had a habit of seeing all the reporters in a "bunch" at a certain hour in the afternoon. This was very unsatisfactory to them, as it prohibited exclusive information, but it enabled the Secretary to escape the inquisition without making more than the most perfunctory statement. On political matters the Secretary, being a politician as well as a lawyer, believed in wide publicity, but as to the work of his department he was silent. And perhaps he was right, for the charge so often made, that the newspapers of today have too many privileges, is no doubt true. They pry into the affairs of the Government and private citizens too closely, and want to know altogether too much about what is not the business of the public. However, there is reason to believe that experience may have taught Mr. Root the importance of not being too secretive.

WINTER SCENE ON LONG LAKE



NEW RITCHIE RESIDENCE

It is undoubtedly true that in the Spanish-American war of 1898 the newspapers published to the world too much advance information about the intended movements of our army and our navy. The Government was seriously embarrassed many times by such publications, some of which came close to being treasonable, but the authorities seemed helpless in view of the unrestricted freedom of the press in this glorious free republic. But the demand for information on every conceivable subject, public and private, comes not so much from the newspaper publishers as from their clients, the newspaper readers. The very people who denounce misdirected newspaper enterprise and "yellow journalism" are the most eager to read and gossip about what the newspapers publish. They don't relish the public airing of their own private affairs, but they love to read about those of their neighbors.

The attempts periodically made by the Senate to fathom the secret of how debates of executive sessions get into the newspapers are as farcical as those of certain Government officials to keep from the reporters and the public information that might be published without doing harm to any one. When the Senate goes into executive session, the occupants of the galleries are turned adrift, the great foot-thick doors closed and locked, and a fourteen-hundred-dollar messenger assigned to guard each one. Other messengers are stationed at the foot of the staircases leading to the gallery floor and nobody is allowed to ascend. Even those who have business with the committee whose rooms are in the picketed corridors are prohibited. The newspaper reporters are admitted to their outside gallery, but the walls between it and the Senate Chamber are so thick that murder might be committed within and nobody know it. Only three or four of the Senate officials staff are allowed to enter the Senate Chamber, and they are sworn to everlasting secrecy.

Yet all the important proceedings of these sessions are printed in the newspapers with more or less accuracy, and as the senators all declare, under oath when necessary, that they do not talk about executive session matters, the question is, who does? Perhaps two little stories which have often been chuckled over in "the cloak-rooms" of the Chamber, as the luxurious little lounging parlors in the rear of the Senate are called—although in recent years the senators rarely hang their cloaks there—will give the public a ray of light on this disputed point:

At the close of Senator Elkin's speech in favor of his proposed amendmend to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty four years ago, a senator moved that the injunction of secrecy be removed in order that the public might have the benefit of the argument.

"Oh, no," said the ever-ready Mr. Wolcott of Colorado, "I object."

"And why, Mr. President, does the Senator from Colorado object?" fiercely demanded a colleague.

"Because," replied Wolcott with fine sarcasm, "if the injunction of secrecy is removed, the newspapers will publish only brief and garbled extracts of the West Virginia Senator's able speech, whereas, if the injunction is maintained, it will be reported in full."

A few years ago, the late U. H. Painter, who was for many years during and after the war a Washington correspondent, was leaving the Senate elevator at the close of an executive session, when a senator who had

been delayed in reaching the Capitol entered it. "Hello, Painter," said the senator, "what was done in executive session?"

"Oh, I can't tell you," said Painter, hurrying on. "You senators are too d——d leaky."

To increase the temptations and pitfalls that surround a newspaper correspondent in Washington, in his attempt to keep the people properly informed as to what their servants are doing, has now been added the modern danger of being decorated by the representatives of foreign governments for his zeal in handling news matters so as to meet their approbation. It is a doubtful honor at best, because every reporter at the Capital who has been brought into contact with members of the diplomatic corps in the progress of his work knows that they all, without exception, regard the newspapers and their correspondents simply as means to an end, and that they never, under any circumstances, tell both sides of a story.

THE DANGERS IN FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

Whatever it is to their interest to have published they talk about freely, even volubly. Otherwise they are clams. Of late years the ambassadors of certain foreign governments have shown great interest in the work of reporters for important news-publishers.

After peace was declared between Spain and the United States in 1898, M. Cambon, the Ambassador of France, who had acted as mediator, presented a declaration on behalf of his Government to a reporter who, under the instructions and direction of his superior, reported the diplomatic end of the negotiations. He wears the decoration proudly on state occasions. A fellow-worker in the vineyard, a reporter on a prominent New York daily, who also worked under the orders of his chief-of-staff, was two or three years ago decorated by the Russian Government for his services in reporting for his own paper the diplomatic negotiation connected with the attempt of Russia to dismember China. The fact of the decoration was published, and the proprietor of the newspaper gave the young man one week in which to return the glittering bauble or resign from the paper. He did not care much for the royal badge, but his pride was touched, and he resigned.

Society reporting at the capital has come to be as important in its way as news-reporting, and a corps of bright, active, hard-working women go about their task in the same thorough, intelligent, systematic manner that characterizes the work of the men, and as a rule they possess the respect and confidence of the social leaders.

THE PURSE-PROUD LADY.

There are black sheep among them, of course, as there are among the male reporters, and they often get themselves and their employers into trouble. There are black sheep among the social leaders, too. As a class they treat the society reporters with consideration and often give them their close friendship. A notable exception is a pretentious woman of great wealth who recently arrived on the scene from the big manfuacturing town where the family millions were made, to break into Washington society, and "get next to" titles, domestic and foreign. She succeeded in both, for money is an open sesame in Washington as elsewhere, and one day recently sent a note to the society reporter of an influential paper, whom she had previously known during her campaign, asking her to call. The young woman did not get the note in time to report at the hour specified, but, meeting the *grande dame* later at a function, was bold enough to approach her. "Who are you?" the purse-proud lady asked. "How dare you speak to me!" she added when the reporter recalled the incident of the note.

A striking illustration of the powerful and far-reaching effect of a

GRACE PARK

AKRON IN 1873

newspaper interview published at the right moment is afforded by the remarkable and unprecedented experience of Admiral Dewey in November, 1899. The fact of that interview furnish an interesting and unique chapter in the story of the relations of the newspaper reporter to the public men and to the people. Admiral Dewey had been received in New York on his return from the East with such a tribute of praise and demonstration of hero worship as had never before been enjoyed by a single individual since Columbus discovered America. His honors were yet fresh and untarnished when the American people became still more interested in him by the announcement, made in frank, bluff, sailor-like fashion, that he would soon be married to a Washington widow. All the world loves a lover, and the admiration and gratitude of the people found expression in many ways. A popular subscription, which was started before this announcement, produced more than fifty thousand dollars in cash, and with it a fine house in the center of fashionable Washington was purchased and presented to the Admiral as the gift of his grateful countrymen. Then he committed an error of judgment and in less time than one day he fell from the pedestal and became in the eyes of the public an object of scorn. He deeded the gift house to his wife, and instantly the storm of adverse criticism arose. A local journal began the attack and in an incredibly brief time the newspapers from ocean to ocean were cruelly abusing the man who just before was the popular hero.

ADMIRAL DEWEY AND THE REPORTER.

Acting under the advice of friends and relations, the Admiral sought to turn back the tide of bitter condemnation by having his wife deed the house to his son. But this apparently only made matters worse. On the night of the day of the transfer was announced, the Admiral's house was besieged by newspaper men who sought a statement, but they were turned away. All but one. A reporter for the New York *Sun* who had a slight acquaintance with the Admiral refused to go away, but urged upon the servant his earnest desire for just a word. Hearing the reporter's voice and recognizing it Admiral Dewey said: "Well, show him in." Ten minutes afterward the hero of Manila Bay was pacing up and down his drawing-room, pouring into the ear of the astonished reporter the tale of a man whose heart was well-nigh broken. He let forth all the bitterness of his soul, and showed by his manner and actions as well as his words how deeply he felt the sudden turn of fickle fortune. In characteristically explosive language he drew a picture of himself a few days before, receiving the plaudits of the American nation, for giving a new territory to the United States, and now being held up to contempt and ridicule because he had chosen, merely for sentimental reasons, he said, to deed his own property to his newly wedded wife.

The Admiral swore and cried and announced over and over again that he resented the insult put upon him and appealed to the American people to play fair. He made many astounding statements that he might have regretted had they been published, but they were not. Such parts of his outburst of wrath and sorrow as were printed were sufficient to indicate the depth of his feeling.

HIS TRUST NOT MISPLACED.

As the reporter was leaving his house, the Admiral, confessing that he did not know just what he had said, threw himself upon the mercy of his interviewer and agreed to stand by whatever was published. Then the reporter went to the office and wrote out the interview. A spirit of loyalty to a brave man dictated the writing and the editing of that famous interview, and the next day Admiral Dewey had the manliness to thank the reporter and the editor warmly for what they had left out, as well as for what they had put in the report. He admitted, too, that he had feared, after the reporter left, that a grave mistake had been made in talking at all,

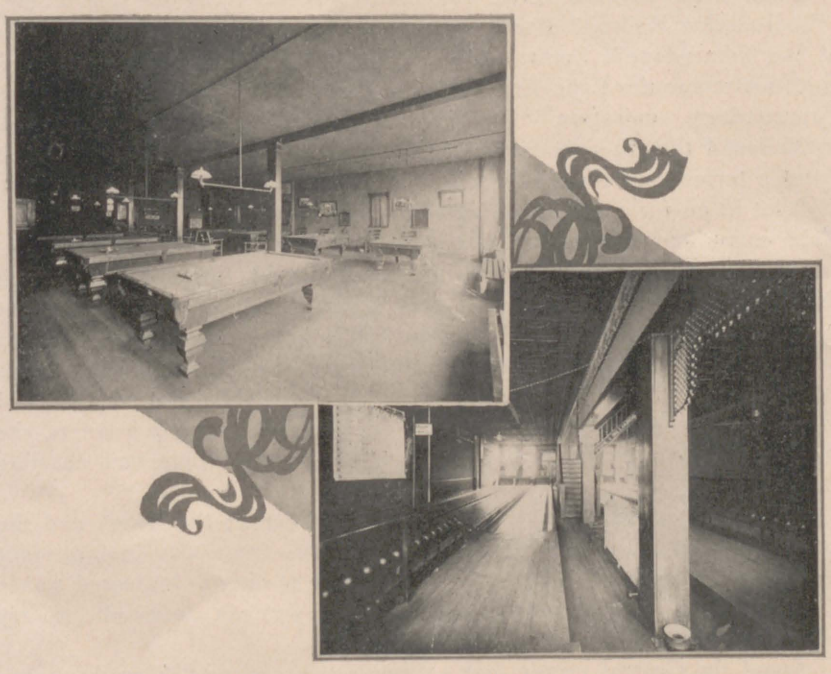
LOOKING NORTH ON MAIN STREET FROM ZIMMERLEY BROS'. CORNER

M. O'NEIL & COMPANY'S DEPARTMENT STORE

and that after a restless night he sought early and eagerly for the morning paper to read in print what he had said. The Admiral before noon discovered that he had hit the enemy in the right place and at the right time, just as he did at Manila. The response was immediate. From every point in the United States telegrams and letters of congratulation and sympathy came. The day after the interview was published every newspaper in New York printed it, giving credit in full to the New York *Sun*, a piece of rare journalistic courtesy, due to a sense of justice and a desire to recognize the public importance of the "beat." It saved Dewey's reputation and instantly closed the mouth of slander and the tongue of criticism. Anger was turned into sympathy, and the hero who had won an empire has since been left to conduct his private affairs to suit his own sweet fancy.

## MAIN STREET BILLIARD AND BOWLING ACADEMY.

There is nothing that so appeals to the lover of sport, exercise and recreation as billiards or bowling. They are clean, manly and healthful sports, giving every pleasure that can come from games in the way of interest and excitement and all the benefits that arise from moderate and judicious exercise. It is on this account that billiards and bowling are recommended by physicians and hygienists, who realize that they are worth more than medicines in many cases. The Main Street Billiard and Bowling



MAIN STREET BILLIARD AND BOWLING ACADEMY

Academy is the largest and finest establishment of the kind in the city. The bowling alleys, six in number, are on the ground floor of 59 and 61 Main street, while the billiard parlors are above. The equipment of both is the best that can be had and they are constantly kept in the highest condition. The alleys are on the circuit for professional bowling, and besides are used by three Akron leagues, the "City Tip Top" league, the "Main Street Alley" league, and the "Second Main Street Alley" league. These teams were taken to the State Bowling tournament, and in February, 1906, the "Red Ribbon" team will be taken to Louisville to compete in the National Bowling Tournament, where it is expected to give a good account of itself, if it does not carry off the honors, Mr. J. H. Romweber is the proprietor of the Main Street Billiard and Bowling academy. He is an enthusiastic lover of the sport himself, and has greatly extended it in the five years he has been connected with it in his present location. He is also vice president of the Akron Amusement Company. His establishment is open only to the best patronage and is a most popular place.

## C. W. CHAMBERLIN & CO.

Messrs. C. W. Chamberlin & Co. have worked a revolution in the upholstering and mattress manufacturing business in the eight years that they have been in Akron. Previous to their coming here they were for five years in Cleveland, and their knowledge, skill and experience have put them next to methods that are strangers to many people in the same line Their establishment at 74 North Howard street, is the largest of its kind in the city and is known as "the Akron furniture hospital." They do an immense business in upholstering to order, their work comparing favorably with the finest that is done in any city, and their prices, both for new and repair work are lower than can be found anywhere for first-class work, and are usually less than those charged for inferior work. They make a specialty of the manufacture of mattresses to order, from the cheapest to the finest at wholesale prices. This works a great saving to the buyer, as the profits on these goods are large when handled by the retailer. Every mattress is guaranteed, not only to be as represented, but to give good service and to last. They also renovate and make over old mattresses, rendering them as good as new, renovate feather beds, pillows by their new medicated steam process, and in fact do everything in the upholstering, refinishing, and repairing line. Goods are called for and delivered, and estimates made on all fine work. There is nothing in the nature of renovation of furniture that they do not undertake, and to undertake with Chamberlin & Company, is to do in the most satisfactory manner. They employ only expert workmen. Price lists of mattresses made to order, or made over, will be furnished on application. They invite persons interested to call and talk over their wants, confident that they can supply them a little better than anybody and a good deal better than most people.

MARKET HOUSE

# A CORNER IN BANKRUPT SECURITIES

**A Wall Street Story**

Mr. Landon," began Hampton, "I am going to put myself very frantkly in your hands. After I have told you the reasons which drove me to seek this interview with you here at your country home rather than at your office or my own, you will be in a position to do me untold harm; but I have condfience in you and, even had I not this confidence, my situation is so desperate that I have become reckless of consequences."

"Rather a doubtful compliment, Mr. Hampton," said Landon quietly, as the old banker broke off, overcome by the excitement and anxiety under which he was laboring. "But I think I understand you, nevertheless," added Landon smiling. "A man on the brink of failure cannot afford time to indulge in pretty speeches."

"On the brink of failure—then you know—do you, Mr. Landon?—the disaster which threatens me. I had thought it a secret between my enemies and myself, but it is the common knowledge of the world."

"You are wrong there, Mr. Hampton," Landon said, seriously. "I rather pride myself on keeping tabs on things generally in Wall Street, and I have known it only since you made this appointment three days ago. I confess honestly that I was curious to know why you wanted to see me—and I found out, I believe.

"And now I want to tell you just one thing, and then I want you to tell me many things. It so happens that the men who have done this shameful thing to you are my pet enemies, and I have been waiting, waiting for years to brand them, and I guess the—iron—is—in—the—fire." It may have been something in the set of Landon's square jaw, in the leaping fire of his clear eyes, although there was no least trace of feeling in the softly spoken words, that awoke the first ray of hope that had broken in on the old banker in many long days. For he pulled himself together in the big porch-chair like a man born again, and the quiet determination of the other man seemed to find its reflection in him in a firmer set to the thin, worn face, a light almost of resolution in the eyes that had grown so tired looking out over a boundless sea of trouble.

For some minutes the two men, the one young and vigorous in the full flush of manhood and the other old and broken by the unnatural cares that had been added to his years, sat there, quietly, looking out from the broad veranda across the well-kept lawns, and over the hedges and fields to where the dying sun still touched the waters of the Sound.

"It is the record of four of the bitterest years of my life that I must tell you," said the banker, finally, setting himself to the task, with a little

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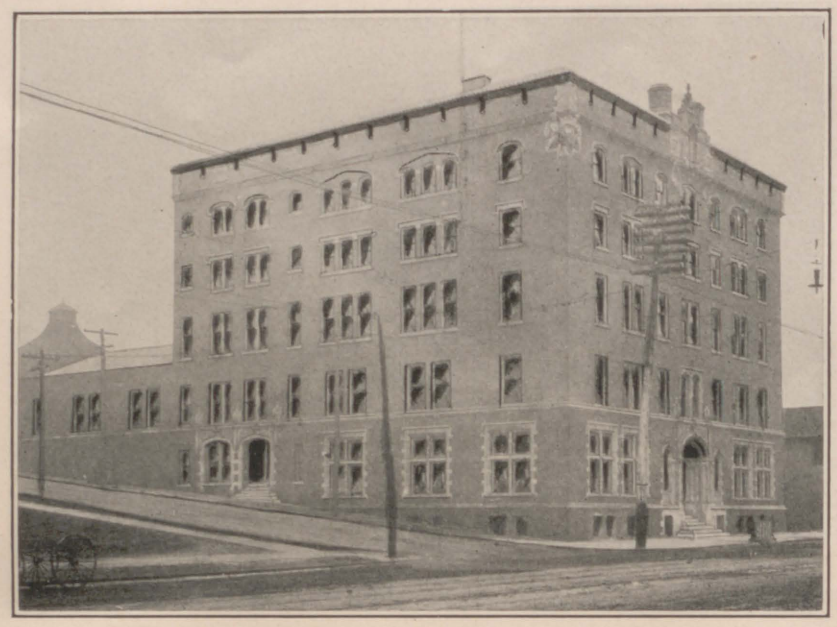


Y, M. C. A. BUILDING

sigh. "I have borne the thing so long alone that it will be a relief to share it with you through the telling.

"It began with my purchase of the Pennsylvania Junction Railroad in June, four years ago. The line had been built independently as a connecting link between the Pennsylvania Central and the Lake Erie Northern some years before. It struggled along unsuccessfully for some time but finally began to make a little money, principally as the result of an agreement with the Lake Erie by which that road turned over to it traffic which was destined for farther transportation over the lines of the Pennsylvania Central. It was a ten-years' agreement with the Lake Erie, and shortly before the expiration of the agreement, five years ago, the Pennsylvania Central, as you will remember, in pursuance of the policy of expansion which has made it such a power in the railroad world, secured control of the Lake Erie.

"My banking house had helped to finance the Pennsylvania Junction Railroad by purchasing the bonds by means of which it was built, and these we had afterwards sold in part to our customers and friends. But in the stock we had never had any interest, that being held largely by Buffalo and Pittsburg men, with whom we were, however, very friendly.

"A few months after the Lake Erie's purchase by the Pennsylvania Central, and just before the expiration of the Pennsylvania Junction road's agreement with the Lake Erie, a committee representing the big holders of the Junction Railroad stock, came to see me at my office and told me that the Pennsylvania Central had notified the Junction Railroad that it would not renew the Lake Erie-Junction Railroads' traffic agreement upon its approaching expiration. This was such a serious matter to the Junction Railroad that they had tried to negotiate a renewal, even upon less favorable terms; but their efforts had availed nothing and they were told flatly that in no form would the agreement be renewed.

"The committee said frankly that it believed that the object of the Pennsylvania was so to embarrass the Junction Railroad, through depriving it of this its main source of revenue, that it would fall an easy prey to the powerful Pennsylvania Central System. This belief was strengthened by the fact that there had recently been discovered extensive coal fields along the lines of the Junction Railroad, much of this lying within land owned by the road, and that, while this discovery was largely a secret, the committee had proof that the Pennsylvania Central people had absolute knowledge of it.

"The committee wanted my counsel, as a holder of the bonds and the representative of many other holders, and it was financially so important a matter to me, as well as to my friends, that I at once volunteered to see the Pennsylvania Central people, with whom I was not unfriendly, to try to arrange an extension of the agreement.

"I found the Central people flint. After some weeks of discussion, purposely, as I now know, prolonged by them until after the expiration of the agreement with the Lake Erie, they hinted a willingness to buy the Junction Railroad control at a figure which meant nothing for the stockholders and not much more for the bondholders, and they had the effrontery to invite me to participate in this brazen robbery; but in spite of the ruinous alternative I foresaw, I refused.

"The interview, during which this offer to make me a *particeps criminis* occurred, took place at the banking house of Klein & Company, financial managers of the Central system, and there were present besides myself Joseph Klein, the head of the house, and President Castleton of the Central. As I rose to go, angered at their nefarious proposals, Mr. Klein said,

significantly as I now know, in the soft, German-tinged accent which marks his speech:

"'We will see you agin, Mr. Hampton, is it not?'

"I have not seen him again in the flesh, but for four long years in my dreams I have seen him, and always it has been in the likeness of a spider crouched in the center of his web, spinning out miles on miles of mesh to entangle me."

The old banker broke off abruptly. It was as if the dream had come upon him as he spoke, for the perspiration stood out on his drawn brow and on his thin cheeks, and the hand that touched each in turn, convulsively, with the white linen, trembled pitifully.

Landon, who had turned to him as he paused, glanced away quickly, with a sharp, indrawn breath of pity, for, man of steel that he was, the spectacle of this hounded, broken old man hurt him grieviously, and that it did boded ill for Mr. Joseph Klein.

"I told the committee exactly what took place at that interview. Mr. Landon;" the old banker resumed his story in haste, as a poor little apology for the interruption, "and we organized a protective committee, of which, against my own will, at first, I was made chairman.

"The Lake Erie agreement terminated; we struggled along for a year, and failing to earn the interest on the bonds the Junction Railroad was advertised for sale under foreclosure by the receiver appointed by the Courts. This was the moment for which Mr. Klein and Mr. Castleton had waited and planned—for it was clear by now that they expected to buy it in at the sale for a pittance.

"But both my fortune, through my bond holdings, and my pride, for I felt I owned much to the friends I had induced to take the bonds, were involved and I determined to risk everything, if need be, in an endeavor to re-establish the Junction Railroad.

"I attended the sale and deliberately outbid the surprised representatives of the Central System, and then began the series of disasters which have brought me to you tonight for help.

"We reorganized the road with $10,000,000 in bonds and $20,000,000 of stock. My banking house underwrote the bonds, and when we tried to sell them we uncovered the first step in the Central's deep-laid plan to get the property by fair means or foul. For no one would buy the bonds. Banking and brokerage houses, the big insurance companies, and even individuals upon whom we had been able to depend before to help us out, turned cold shoulders now, refusing to have anything to do with the bonds. And behind it all was the influence of Klein & Company, who were so powerful that no one dared to offend them by assisting me.

"While even then the great expense of carrying on the road had bitten deeply into my resources, I was not embarrassed, by any means. For a year or more I was able to carry the bonds by means of loans from two banks, the Eighth National and the Mariners National, the banks accepting the bonds as collateral. It was a constant struggle to maintain their price, to say nothing of that of the stock, on the Stock Exchange, where Klein & Company made every effort to depress their value so as to compel me to give more and more margins to the two banks.

"We were actually making progress with the Junction Railroad, opening up the coal lands and developing local traffic, thus insuring the interest on the bonds, when one morning, six months ago, I received a telegram from the President of the road saying that practically every man on the line, from office boys to engineers, had gone out on strike. There had been no least warning of the trouble, as I found upon investigation, which, it also developed, had originated with men who had recently come into the Junction Railroad's employ from the Pennsylvania Central. They had organized a union, got in all our men and then led them out and tied up the line from end to end.

"The strike was timed with diabolical ingenuity. In two months the half-year's interest of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was due on the bonds, and by that time the treasury of the Junction Railroad was absolutely depleted by its contest with the strikers.

"With the utmost difficulty I managed to raise funds to meet this interest payment, but I confess that I could see no hope for the following payment. For the strike continued, and its effects grew more and more disastrous to the road each day, and I was too near the end of my own resources to be able to help the road out again.

"For with my own affairs things went as badly as with the railroad. In my every attempt to make money I was blocked by unseen forces. I could get no participations in underwriting syndicates, which are so prolific a source of revenue, and I was far too deeply involved in the railroad to venture anything independently. It was, in fact, all that I could manage to sustain the prices of the bonds and stock on the Exchange, and even there the bonds had fallen to 65 and the stock to 25, owing to the road's labor troubles.

"It really seemed that the worst had happened, that the limit of my enemies' ingenuity had been reached; but I gave them too little credit, for

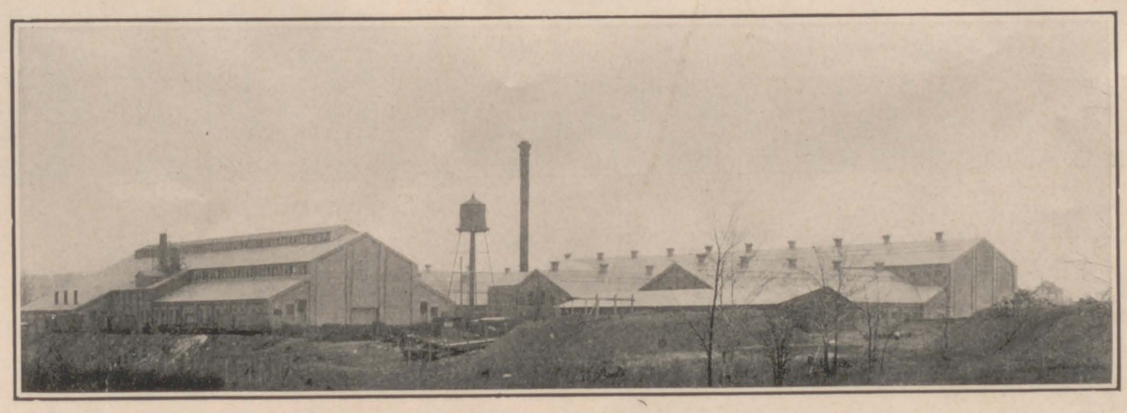
OLD SUMMIT COUNTY COURT HOUSE
NEW ONE IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

two months ago, as you will recall, Klein & Company secured control of the Eighth National Bank.

"When I discovered this I lost all hope. For not only had I pledged a majority of the bonds with the bank, but in order to raise the money to meet the $250,000 interest charges on the bonds I had also pledged with them a block of 70,000 shares of the railroad's stock, taken by my house at the time of the reorganization.

"Klein & Company had discovered this fact and had deliberately bought control of the bank in the expectation of getting both bonds and stock. For they were certain that the road would be unable to meet the approaching interest-payment on the bonds, and that I could neither again make the payment for it, nor even meet the interest on the loan I had made on the stock, which they were attacking in the market in order further to embarrass me.

"When I wrote you on Thursday, Mr. Landon, asking for this interview, I had just had a note from the Eighth National asking me to take up the loan on the stock, owing to the stock's weakness in the market. If I fail to do so, they will go through the form of selling the stock out on the Exchange to recover the money loaned on it; but since Klein & Company control the bank the stock will be offered by a broker in their em-



WELLMAN, SEVER & MORGAN CO.'S PLANT

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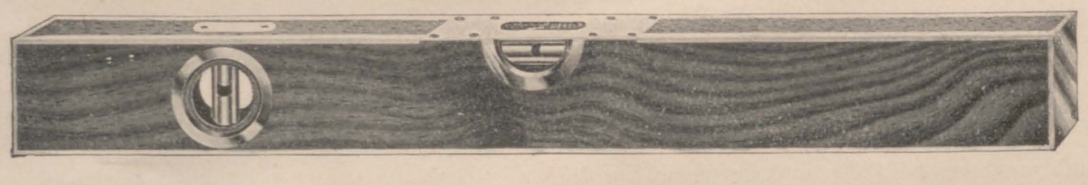
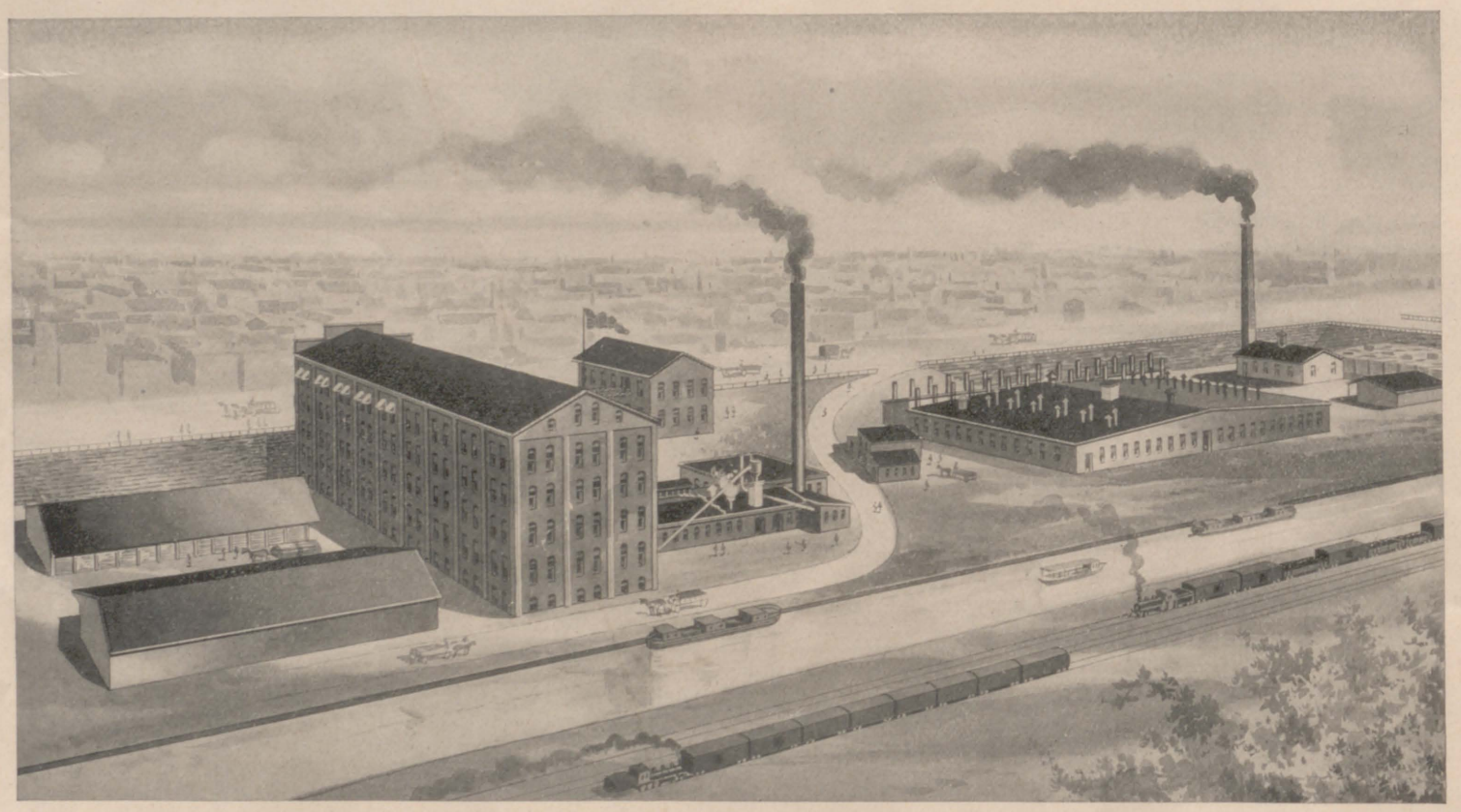
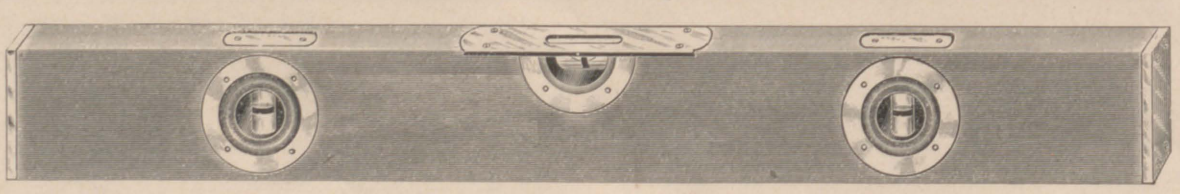
# The Baker-McMillen ... Company ...

The Baker-McMillen Company was established in 1874 and incorporated in 1890, and is now the largest concern in the United States devoted to wood turning and enameling, employing over 100 workmen and operating every conceivable kind of machinery that is known to the trade. Their special wood-turning department turns out vast quantites of almost everything that is turned out of wood in the regular way and they are prepared to fill any order for anything that is wanted without delay. The only requirement is that an accurate description or drawing, or better still, a sample of the work desired, shall be furnished, with a statement of the quantity desired and the material to be used, when the order will be filled with as much promptness as it can usually be filled by smaller concerns if they happen to have the goods in stock. The turning department is located in a handsome brick building with 25,000 feet of floor space. The enameling department is in a separate building of similar description, the warerooms and storage space aggregating over 100,000 square feet. The company turns out enameled wood knobs of every kind, feather duster handles and heads, enameled wood handles for coffee and tea pots, enameled knobs for all kinds of stamped and enameled ware, furniture and picture knobs, water cooler knobs, enameled and plain pail handles, whisk broom handles, enameled rubber stamp handles, glove and stocking darners, enameled screw driver handles of all sizes and kinds, and thousands of other such articles. They also manufacture the **"Akron Eclipse Spirit Levels,"** used by carpenters, masons ,machinists and engineers. These are recognized as the "best" levels that are made, and are sold to jobbers and dealers all over the United States, with a very considerable and rapidly growing export trade. Mr. W. H. Stoner is the secretary and manager of the company and under his able guidance the business of the company maintains a steady growth. This concern controls the trade of most of the larger manufacturers in the United States in enameled handles and knobs of every description.



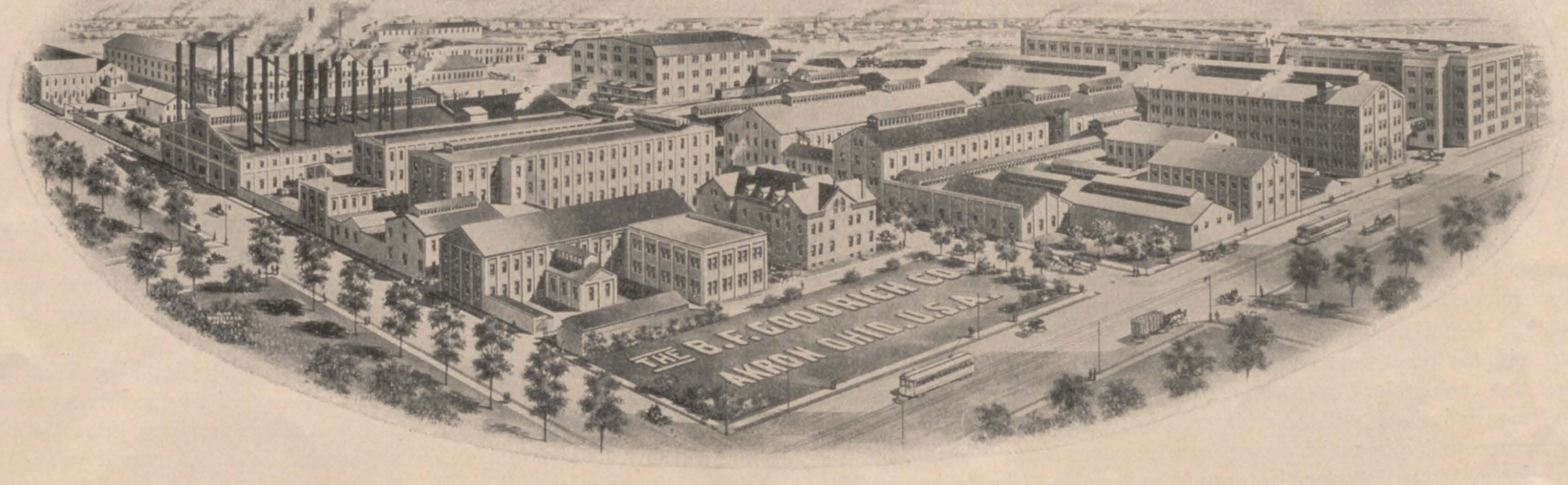




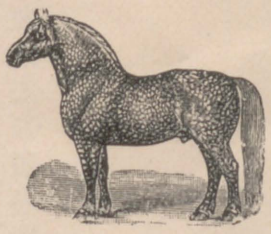
## THE B. F. GOODRICH COMPANY.

The B. F. Goodrich company is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world. It was the pioneer in the industry in Akron, having been established for more than thirty-six years, at first on a moderate scale, but expanding in order to keep pace with the demand for its goods, until now the buildings overrun fifteen acres of ground, and the floor space is more than fourteen acres, being almost or quite the largest area of any similar factory in the world. Large buildings have been added during the past season, sufficient to be considered a great plant in themselves, for the manufacture of rubber boots and shoes. These have been filled with a large quantity of the latest and best machinery, and the company is now turning out vast numbers of rubber boots and shoes of every kind. All of the buildings are lighted and all of the power is furnished by the company's own electric plant, the generating capacity of which is 2,600 kilowatts, more than enough to light a small city, there are seventy arc lights and more than 15,000 incandescent lamps besides nearly 5,000 horse power motors scattered throughout the immense plant. The Company makes rubber goods of every description. Their line of rubber goods manufactured for the drug trade have a reputation and sale all over two continents, and embrace almost every article known in that trade. The quality of these goods is always of the highest and if the name of the B. F. Goodrich Company is seen on it, it is at once known that it is the best and no further guaranty of excellence is needed. An immense business is done in the manufacture of automobile and vehicle tires. In the Mechanical Rubber Goods department, belting, packing, hose and moulded goods of every description are turned out in large quantities and whenever used help to establish and maintain the splendid reputation of the Goodrich Goods.

The establishment furnishes employment to a large number of people, and is one of the most important industries of Akron and of the world.




## THE GINTZ UPHOLSTERING COMPANY.

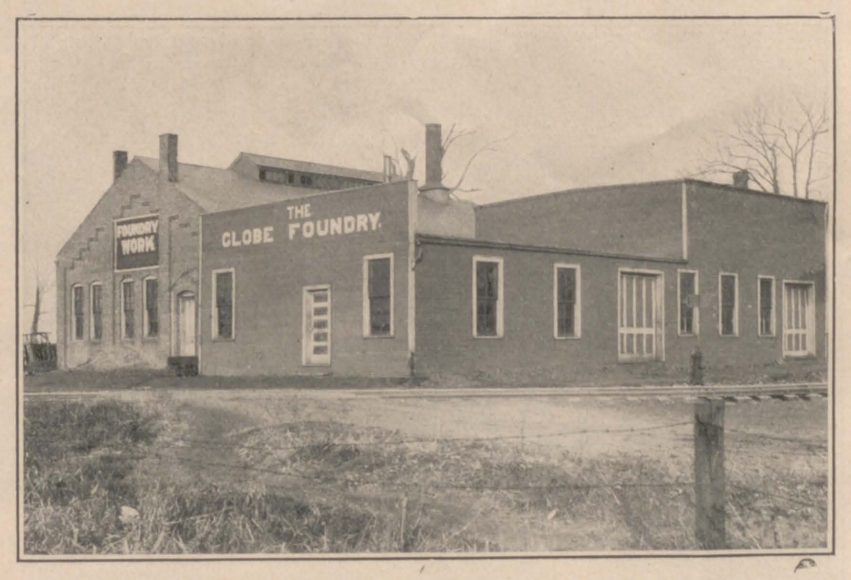


The Gintz Upholstering Company represents a business development of forty-years. It was established by the fathsr of Messrs. B. V. Gintz and Jnseph L. Gintz, who were thus reared up in the business. They are manufacturing upholsterers, whose business it is to make fine goods to order for dealers and private parties. They have every accessory for perfect work, and this combined with their taste and skill, insures the best possible work.

There is nothing in the way of upholstering that they cannot do, and in most cases they will do it a little better than anyone else can for the same money. They also make fine mattresses to order, and in every department they have a very large trade. They employ an adequate force of competent men, and being themselves skilled workmen, the best results are attained all the time. The Gintz Brothers are also manufacturers of The Celebrated Sea Onion compound, a never-failing remedy for many of the internal ills of horse flesh. This remedy is the result of long and laborious scientific research and is without an equal for heaves, distemper and all troubles of the bowels, kidneys, liver, stomach and other organs. Its use puts these organs at once in a healthy condition and keeps them that way, thus promoting the general health of the animal. While The Celebrated Sea Onion compound has long been used and known in an experimental way, it was begun to be manufactured on a large scale only at the first of the present year. However, the strong hold that it has taken on the horse owners of the country, wherever its merits have been shown, indicates plainly its great value. It is put up in pound and half pound packages, and will be found one of the cheapest, as it is the most effective remedy for diseases of the horse to be found on the market.

## THE GLOBE FOUNDRY.

The Globe Foundry is the successor of the Summit Machine Company, which was established seven years ago, and was organized within the present year. Mr. Weibel, the proprietor, is an expert mechanic and an excellent business man, and has built up a good patronage, which is constantly increasing. The Globe Foundry does strictly foundry work, and makes a specialty of heavy castings of all kinds, castings and parts for brick and sewer pipe machinery and, in fact, all work that can be done in the foundry line, making everything to order, from the smallest to the largest work. The plant and yards on Sweitzer avenue cover over an acre of ground. It is fitted up with everything that the business requires, and additions are constantly being made as the growth of the trade demands. An adequate force of skilled mechanics is employed and nothing but first-class work is ever allowed to leave the foundry. Mr. Weibel is a man who has carved out success for himself and is well known in the manufacturing world as a man of ideas and business responsibility. He has filled heretofore positions requiring ability and mechanical skill and knowledge of the highest order.



ploy and bought at once by another broker in their employ. It will be, of course, a farce in that respect, but it will at last bring into their hands the railroad for which they have plotted so long, and ruin the man who has stood between them and their goal."

Again the distressed old man broke off and was silent a moment. "I have sought some way of escape from this net that is closing in around me but I have not found it," he said finally, quietly. "My training in an older school of finance failed to equip me for the methods of the present day. I went to the rescue of this little railroad because it seemed right to do so; to save it from the clutches of a set of men who are unable or unwilling to deal honestly. I have failed, and in failing I have dragged down my own banking house.

"And at this eleventh hour I have come to you to ask you if it is possible that there is still a way by which both the railroad and the banking house may be saved, or, at worst, by which the railroad may be kept from my enemies, for I believe I could forego the other if that might be accomplished."

The long summer day had drawn to its close and one by one the lights were coming out at the great country houses that lay near Landon's splendid stock farm, while far over the darkened fields a lighthouse on the Sound was flashing from time to time. For some minutes the two men on the broad porch of the big farm-house sat silently in the gathering darkness, thinking, the one of the destruction that had been and the other of the construction to come. Then there fell far out on the lawn a glowing cigar-end, and Landon spoke.

"It can be done," he said tersely, "and we'll do it. We'll save both the railroad and the banking house and, please God, we'll give those sharks a lesson that will outlast their sordid lives.

"There are two thiings that we must do promptly. We must get from your friends in Buffalo and Pittsburg, either by purchase outright or under an ironclad pool agreement, all the Pennsylvania Junction stock procurable, and we must let the Eighth National infer your inability to take up the loan. Remember that the bank is really Klein & Company and that you are doing this not alone for your own preservation but to protect others, and this deception, if you can call it that, becomes shining virtue. We must for this time fight fire with fire, Mr. Hampton. We are dealing with the shrewdest and most unscrupulous men in Wall Street, and to entrap them, and to punish them, we must fight with their weapons."

Landon got up from his chair and crossing over to the banker found his hand in the darkness, and gripping it fast added, seriously, "And now, one last word, for tonight: you and I, Mr. Hampton, will not speak of compensation for this task you have set me. If I don't make a cent out of it—and I expect to make a good many dollars—the unholy joy of chastising Joseph Klein will be more than enough for me. Sometime, perhaps, if you wish it, I'll tell you why, but it's a long, ugly story, and one such story is sufficient for a night."

Landon had found in a long and turbulent career in the Street that, not excepting wit, the most essential thing in the equipment of a free lance of finance, was cash. Not bonds or stock or credit in one form or another, but actual money in bank. Time and again, his ability to draw big checks upon the numerous banks and banking houses among which he divided his funds to conceal his real financial strength had enabled him to bring off a brilliant coup, or to meet a sudden emergency where delay meant disaster.

Upon reaching his office on Monday morning, therefore, it was a matter of minutes only before $250,000 in cash was in the hands of Mr. Hampton, who, assured now that the events of the previous night were real, at once left for Buffalo and, later, Pittsburg, to get with this and the funds he could muster himself, all the Pennsylvania Junction stock that he would be unable to obtain as a deposit under a pool agreement. It was one of Landon's fine inspirations to imply that this money was only his contribution to a partnership with the broken banker, thus removing all suggestion of charity and putting the matter on a purely business basis.

Landon's plan was simplicity itself. It turned on the avariciousness of Joseph Klein. It seemed clear that Klein & Company had arranged to turn over the control of the Pennsylvania Junction to the Central Sys-

CHAS. W. KEMPEL
Mayor of Akron

tem; but Landon knew Klein so well that he felt sure the banker would not rest satisfied with the simple profit to be found in that transaction, if an opportunity presented itself to augment it by personal speculation. It was such an opportunity that Landon meant to dangle before the banker's greedy eyes.

The surest way to simulate this chance was by imbuing Klein & Company with the notion that Mr. Hampton was wholly unable to take up his loan with the Eighth National, and that his banking house would consequently go down in ruin. To Joseph Klein this would prove, Landon figured, a tempting opportunity to sell Pennsylvania Junction stock "short," to sell stock which he did not have, but which he could buy in at

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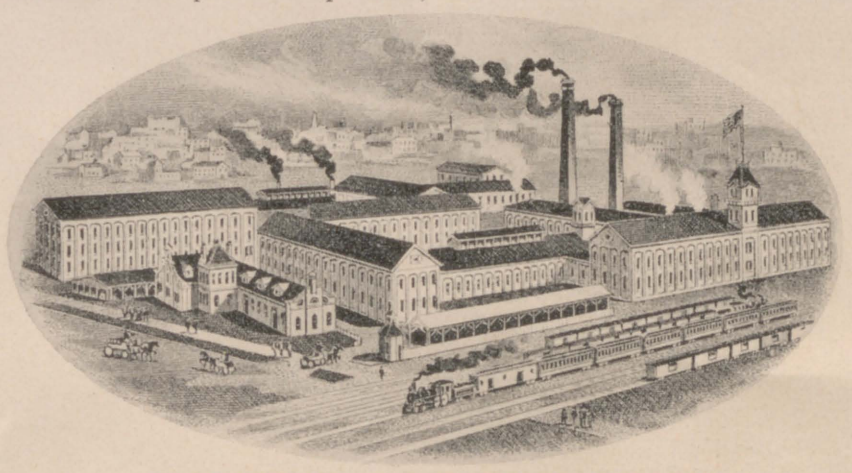
## THE WHITMAN & BARNES MANUFACTURING CO.

Manfacturers of Mowing and Reaping Machine Knives, Sickles, Sections and parts of Cutting Apparatus, "Diamond" Twist Drills, Reamers and collateral lines, Wood Handle and Drop Forged Wrenches, Lawn Mowers, Haying Tools such as Hay Carriers, Forks, Pulleys, etc., Spring Keys and Cotters, Rubber Pad Horse Shoes, Hammers, Planer Knives and Cutters for wood working machinery. In 1848 the predecessors and founders of the present corporation, The Whitman & Barnes Manufac-



THE WHITMAN & BARNES M'F'G CO.'S PLANT

turing Company, commenced in a very small way to make Knives and Sickles for Mowing and Reaping Machines. They were the first in this country to engage in the manufacture of these parts. From the small beginning in 1848 this firm has advanced and increased until now it has three factories, one at Akron, Ohio, occupied exclusively in the manufacture of Diamond Twist Drills and collateral lines; one at Chicago, Ill., at which factory they manufacture Knives and Sections, Wrenches, Lawn Mowers, Hay Tools, Spring Keys and Cotters, and Rubber Pad Horse Shoes; one at St. Catharines, Ontario, where they manufacture Knives and Sections, Hammers, Haying Tools, Planer Knives and Cutters for wood working machinery. Their factories are equipped with the most modern machinery and they employ a very large number of skilled mechanics which enables them to produce goods equal to any upon the market and at a price which allows them to compete successfully in the trade. Their brands are extensively known, not only in this country but in all foreign countries, and their trademark "Diamond W. & B." is a trade name the world over and is a guarantee of the quality of the goods manufactured.

For the past two years they have materially changed their manner and way of handling their business with the trade, abolishing their branch house system for the purpose of allying themselves directly with the jobbing trade. This change meets with the hearty approval of the jobbers over the country and they are fast associating themselves with this Company in handling their large line of products.

The Akron factory is managed by Geo. A. Barnes, who has been long associated with the company.

The Chicago factory is managed by A. D. Armitage, who has also been connected with the company for many years and is well known in trade.

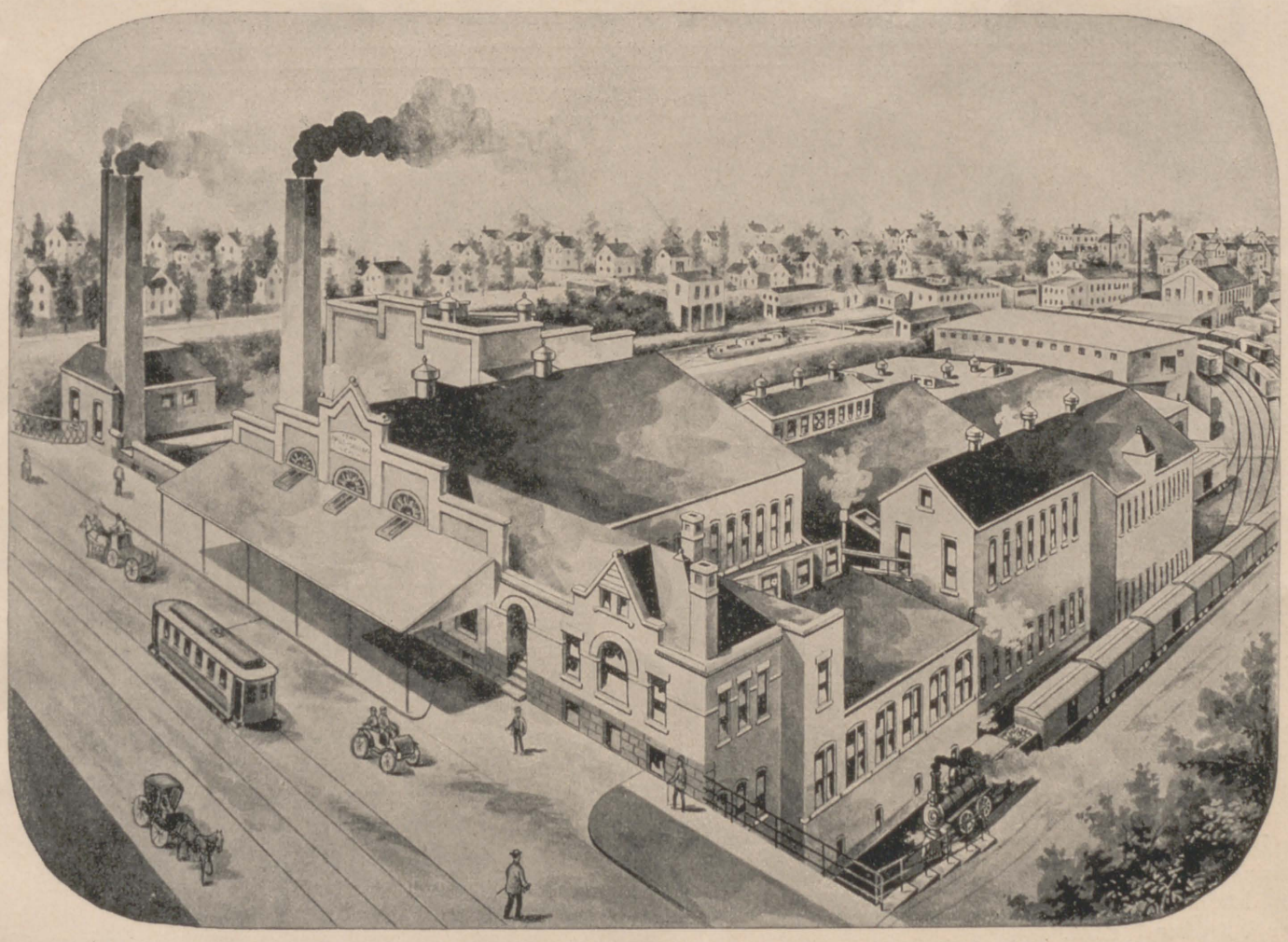
The St. Catharines factory is managed by W. W. Cox, who has been many years an officer of the company, and who stands very high not only in the States, but in Canada.

The officers of the company are: C. E. Sheldon, president; W. W. Cox, vice president; Frank H. Hiscock, second vice president; William Stone, treasurer; C. E. Caskey, assistant treasurer; James Barnes, secretary; George E. Dana, chairman; Frank Hiscock, general counsel.

The directors are: C. E. Sheldon, Geo. T. Perkins, Geo. C. Kohler, C. I. Bruner, Geo. A. Barnes, all of Akron, Ohio; Frank H. Hiscock, George E. Dana, W. H. Gifford, Syracuse, N. Y.; W. W. Cox, St. Catharines.

## THE THOS. PHILLIPS COMPANY.

The Thos. Phillips Co., manufacturers of paper, paper flour, lime and cement sacks, are one of the important concerns of the city, being the largest of its kind in this section of the country. It was established in 1872 and incorporated in 1887. In 1891 the entire plant was destroyed by fire, after which it was rebuilt on a larger scale than before. Since that time it has kept pace with the progress of the industry, and its plant is now as complete as can be found anywhere. It has a capacity of 15,000 pounds of rope paper, used in the manufacture of heavy paper sacks for flour and cement, for each working day the sacks are made and sold directly to the millers and cement manufacturers and are shipped to every part of the country, there being no milling center of any importance to which shipments are not made. The factory is admirably located, being on the Erie Belt Line and having connection with every railroad entering the city, its shipping facilities being, on that account, all that could be desired. The mills employ in all departments 105 persons, furnishing them steady work during the entire year. The factory buildings are quite extensive, covering two acres of ground. They are constructed of brick and have every convenience and facility for the conduct of the business. Mr. Fred. D. Howland is president of the company; Mr. Frank A. Sieberling, vice president; Mr. George S. Howland, secretary, and Mr. Frank C. Howland, treasurer and general manager.



THE THOS. PHILLIPS COMPANY'S PLANT

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# AKRON

## Made a Fine Showing in New Corporations for 1905 Large Number of Companies Were Formed Here

The Secretary of State's office did an enormous business during the fiscal year which closed Nov. 15, collecting fees amounting to $1,085,000. The year's business verifies the prediction made by the late Governor Nash in the closing hours of his administration that the department would become a "million dollar office." During the year 2,280 new companies were incorporated, representing a capitalization of $185,421,761. In addition there were 414 increases of capital stock, aggregating $95,839,500, making a grand total of $281,261,261. The large receipts of the office are due to the Willis law, which imposes an annual tax of one-tenth of one per cent on the capital stock of all corporations.

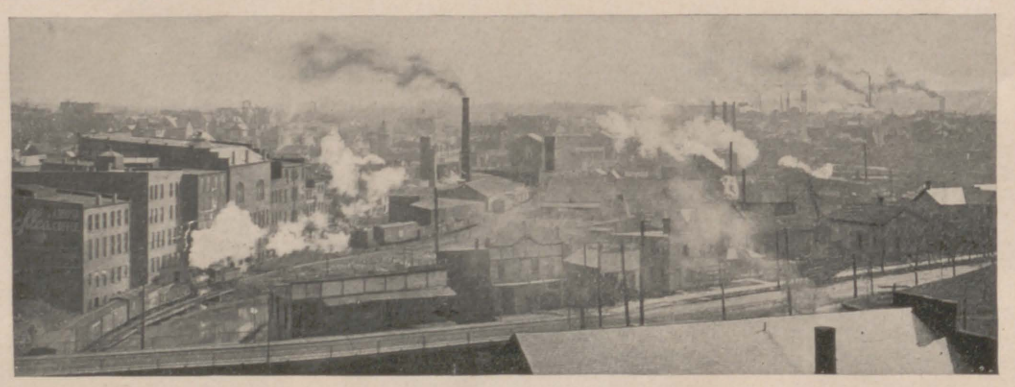
The capital stock of manufacturing enterprises aggregate $93,143,683.00 about one half of the combined capital stock of all the companies incorporated. The increase of capital stock broke all previous records. About 100 companies reduced their capital stock, 525 companies dissolved and 214 were declared insolvent by the attorney general. There were 1,037 new manufacturing plants, 56 new banks, 9 building and loan companies, 10 railroads, 21 electric plants, 44 electric railways, 77 telephone companies, 81 mining companies, 84 publishing companies and a large number of miscellaneous purposes.

Akron shows up well with other cities of a like size in the state in the number of local companies incorporated during the year.

The list of Akron companies incorporated for profit during the year are as follows:

First Mortgage Banking, $50,000.
Tyler Manufacturing, $50,000.
Fieberger Heating, $50,000.
Akron Manufacturing, $50,000.
Akron Roofing, $5,000.
Stein Double Cushion Tire, $100,000.
American Castings & Register, $25,000.
Hardware Supply Co., $50,000.
Kleanit Manufacturing, $150,000.
Rhodes Improved Metallic Packing, $10,000.
Motz Clincher Tire & Rubber, $50,000.
Automatic Clutch, $50,000.
Atlantic Foundry, $10,000.
Star Mops, Wringer, $10,000.
C. J. Lang Clothing, $10,000.
Alladin Rubber, $100,000.
Colonial Tire & Rubber, $6,000.
Akron Rubber Shoe, $5,000.
M. & M. Manufacturing, $12,000.
Day Drug, $15,000.
Andrews Automatic Clutch, $10,000.
Diamond Rubber, $1,000,000.
Ewing Concrete Machinery, $10,000.
Ware Candy, $15,000.
Akron German Newspaper, $3,000.
Mahaffey Property, $30,000.
Arcturus Lithia Springs, $15,000.
Unique Theatre, $10,000.
Portage Country Club, $10,000.
Reliable Loan & Investment, $10,000.
Dobson Building, $30,000.
Hotel Pendleton, $40,000.
Akron Hardware Supply, $25,000.
Akron Amusement, $10,000.
Akron Loan & Security, $10,000.
Jennings Clothing, $10,000.
Buena Ventura, $25,000.
Hoover & Sell, $25,000.
Akron Skating Rink, $50,000.
M. T. Cutter, $20,000.
Buckeye Loan, $10,000.
Akron Sugar Cane, $10,000.
Storer Land, $20,000.

South Main Street Looking South from Market



South Akron Factory District

## INCREASE IN REVENUES SHOWN

### Uncle Sam's Finances are in Fine Shape With Half the Year Over

The end of the calendar year, which marks the halfway post of the government's annual journey finds Uncle Sam in a fine humor. The revenues have increased to a record-breaking extent, and the expenditures have decreased. It is the belief of treasury officials that were it not for the Panama canal construction the deficit in the treasury would be entirely wiped out. It was $24,000,000 on the first of last July. It stands now at less than $9,000,000.

A slight falling off in customs duties and internal revenue tax is looked for. This with the canal appropriations, may at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, find Uncle Sam's accounts somewhat less than $10,000,000 to the bad.

In reaching this result the department's estimate for customs duties for the fiscal year was placed at $25,000,000 in excess of the duties of last year. Seventeen and a half million dollars of that excess has already been received.

The canal is giving the treasury officials much concern. They do not believe anyone can give an accurate idea as to its cost.

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